Once Beaten, Khmer Rouge Again Haunts Cambodia

By William Branigin

Washington Past Service
PHNOM PENH — A year ago, Cambodia's long-running Khmer Rouge insur-gency appeared to be on the ropes. Wracked by defections and the failure of their propaganda, guerrilla leaders could only watch as a new government took shape after elections they boycotted.

Now the rebel group seems to have bounced back. It has managed to arrest its deterioration, remobilize its forces and score major battlefield victories against the Cambodian Army.

Can history repeat itself? Can the radical Communist organization, which took power in 1975 and launched a four-year reign of terror that claimed more than 1 million lives, possibly make a comeback? A combination of factors makes that unlikely, analysts say. In fact, they say, the Khmer Rouge is still relatively weak, but the corruption and incompetence of the Cambodian military has made the group look good.

The issue of Khmer Rouge strength is crucial for the Western countries that are considering aid to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, the army of the new gov-ernment. Prospective donors generally agree that the army must reform itself before it can receive major supplies of hardware.

For its part, the Khmer Rouge sees its situation as similar to that of 1973, when a peace agreement temporarily ended the war in neighboring Vietnam and curtailed support for the guerrillas by Hanoi.

In an internal document dated May 5, the Khmer Rouge sought to imbue cadres with a new spirit of self-reliance, Despite recent victories, it cautioned, "new diffi-culties" lie ahead. "But if we rely firmly on our people," it added, "finally we will

The guerrilias appeared to suffer a seri-ous setback in February, when govern-ment forces overran their northern base of Anlong Veng oear the border with Thai-land. But forces under the command of Ta Mok, a widely feared, one-legged disciple of the Khmer Rouge leader, Pol Pot, counterattacked and receptured the base two

The scenario repeated itself in March, then the army seized the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Pailin, a gem-mining and timber center near the Thai border in westem Cambodia. In the initial euphoria of victory, the overall army commander of the operation, Lieutenant General Pol Sarocun, declared: "The Khmer Rouge have lost their spirit."

Almost immediately after taking the town, however, Cambodian generals turned their attention to dividing the spoils. They hauled away booty, staked out ruby mines, villas and other properties, and flew in their wives aboard a helicopter to participate in the plunder, virtually ignoring the need to evacuate wounded and consolidate security, military analysts said.

"There were oo patrols, no maps, no operations room and no organization," said a Western military attache who visited the town. "A blind man could see that Pailin would not be held long."

On April 19, the Khmer Rouge retook the town with little opposition as bedraggled government forces fled. Subsequent

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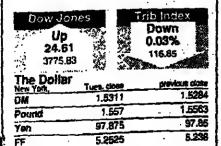
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Argentine Case Lacks Evidence

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - Argentina's case against four Iranian of-ficials suspected in the bombing of a Jewish center here suffered a severe setback Tuesday when the attorney general said there was insufficient evidence to press charges against them.

"There is not enough proof," the attoroey general, Angel Aguero Iturbe, said.

He said the case would be sent back to the investigating judge, Juan José Galeano, who named the four in his report on the July 18 bombing, which killed nearly 100 people.



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IN A DIFFERENT CUBA - A Cuban refugee arriving at the U.S. naval base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, aboard a Coast Guard ship, More than 2,500 refugees have been delivered to an uncertain future there under President Bill Clinton's new policy. Still, there is no sign the Cuban exodus is slowing. Page 3.

For MTV Europe, a New Play on Nationalism

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - Five years ago when Bill Roedy came to London to head MTV Europe he had his vision tirmly set on the impending miracle of 1992 and the presumed emergence of the united states of Europe. Wistfully recalling the boundless, almost illogical optimism of that earlier age Mr. Roedy says, "I felt almost as if I would to sleep one night and wake up the next morning speak-

ing German."

Next month that grand vision of a stateless single market will take a big step backward. On Sept. 30, MTV, the channel that pioneered the concept of pan-European broadcasting, will launch a new station aimed at Britain

The oew channel, which is called VH-I and already exists in United States, is targeted at the baby-boom generation with a mix of "vintage and cootemporary"

"The future of the business will be to develop more national outlets," Mr. Roedy said, conceding in an interview that five years after he began to sell the ootion of a ele European market to advertisers, and three years after that market was officially born, it remains a tough

"The market was very difficult to develop early on and it is still very difficult," he said.

Advertising agency executives second that dour view. "The only people who really ever believed in the united states of Europe were the Americans," said Brian Jacobs.

international media director at Leo Burnett in London. "The problem is that it remains inherently difficult to sell anything across borders. It is true io Asia. It is true in Latin America. And it is true here.'

in Europe the problems range from structural ones concerning the way advertisers themselves are organized. to quirky yet critical ones of national tasse and even nomenciature.

Take, for instance, a good pan-European marketer like the American breakfast cereal maker Kellogg. Yes, said an advertising executive, Kellogg's products line the shelves from Copenhagen to Corfu, but not necessarily under the same brand names. He also noted that in some See MTV, Page 4

Bonn Orders Close Watch On Far-Right **Nationalists**

New Political Pact Cited As Proof of Republicans' Slip Toward Extremism

> By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

BERLIN - Germany's interior minister ordered federal security agents to place the far-right Republican Party under surveillance Tuesday after its leader announced an alliance with the ultranationalist German People's Union

Interior Minister Manfred Kanther said the political compact, disclosed earlier Tuesday, proved that the Republicans were "sliding further on the slippery slope toward extremism."

Led by Franz Schönhuber, an unrepen-tant member of Hitler's Waffen-SS during World War II, the Republicans had been considered marginally less hard-line than the People's Union and the party most likely to pull in far-right votes in October's federal elections.

Mr. Kanther said the alliance of Germaoy's two largest rightist parties, each of which is believed to have roughly 25,000 members, required heightened vigilance by the federal domestic security agency.

The People's Union, Mr. Kanther said

in a statement from Bonn, "has been extremist for years and second to none in political repulsiveness.

Whoever makes common cause with such a group, he said, "drops his mask" of

Mr. Kanther's action came after Mr. Schönhuber issued a joint statement of allegiance with his former rival, Gerhard Frey, leader of the People's Unioo and a staunch friend of the Russian ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky. The two Germans proclaimed an end to their bickering and the formation of a "defensive force" against what they described as "the leftist popular front."

Republican activities have previously been monitored by law enforcement offi-cials in several German states, but Mr. Kanther's order elassifies the party as "extremist" and brings federal egents into play. Similar steps had already been taken

The intent of the surveillance order, the minister indicated, is to determine whether the Republicans are "anti-constitutional," a classification already applied to the People's Union. The practical effect of such a move is uncertain; although Bonn has

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Amid Tensions, Rwandans Get New Zaire Sites Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BUKAVU, Zaire - Thousands of Rwandan refugees began to move out of Bukavu on Tuesday as tension increased in the filthy and congested town.

From 7 A.M. there was a steady flow of

Hutu out of the city center toward Hongo, a new camp site opening for 80,000 people on the windswept shores of Lake Kivu.

"People are clearing out of town incredi-bly fast," said Jane Pope of the Canadian branch of the charity Care. "They are vacating the sites and there's been a steady stream of people." The start of a move from Bukavu was

welcomed by aid agencies, who warned that the presence of 100,000 refugees in the city risked triggering epidemics and vio-As the Bukavu squatters set out on foot, trucks supplied by aid agencies ferried groups of refugees waiting on the Rwan-dan side of the Ruzizi River across the

frontier and toward Nyamanangwe, the site of another new camp. After Zaire initially closed its main border crossing on Saturday, on the grounds that it did not want a repetition of the Goma catastrophe in July, Zaire agreed under pressure from the aid agencies to

open a less-traveled bridge further south. The aim was to force the refugees to bypass central Bukavu, which is crammed to the bursting point, and settle in the camps. No Hutu were being allowed to walk across the border bridge on Tuesday. Instead, they were being put onto trucks

heading directly to the camps "If we let them come in on foot they will disperse and settle in the area near the bridge, which is what we want to avoid," a Zairean official said.

UN aid workers are relieved that the flood of refugees from Rwanda, following the French handover of a safe haven to UN peacekeepers, has not been on the massive scale that swamped Goma.

"We're breathing a collective, but can-tions, sigh of relief," Ron Redmond, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said at a news briefing in

UN teams in the safety zone in south-west Rwanda set up by French troops, who have left, reported that the roads were "quite empty," Mr. Redmond said. And officials say Zaireans are beginning

to catch dysentery from the refugees. Once See RWANDA, Page 4



Ernesto Zedillo, the apparent victor in Mexico's presidential elections, greeting supporters Tuesday in the capital.

Mexican Vote Spells the End Of Rule by Fiat

By Tod Robberson

MEXICO CITY - The electoral reforms that enabled Mexico to pull off elean and relatively uncontested elections mark one of the ironies of a political system that many Mexicans describe as having been, until now, the very an-

tithesis of democracy.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, took liberal advantage of his command over a rubber-stamp legislature to amend the constitution, pass far-reaching electoral reforms and approve, for the first time, the presence of foreign election monitors at polling stations. But as a result of his reforms, the next Mexican president's rubber stamp is likely to disappear and the days of unchecked presidential power become a thing of the

With 66 percent of balloss tallied at midday Tuesday, the federal Electoral Institute said the ruling party's presidential candidate, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, was holding a steady lead with 49 percent of the vote, followed by 28.5

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The Other Imbalance Plaguing Japan: Tourist Drain

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - Dressed in T-shirts, shorts and sunglasses, Mike and Jo Ozimek of Philadelphia were strolling recently along the Ginza, Tokyo's glitziest shopping

Mr. Ozimek described Japan as the salest and most interesting country in East Asia, and he said he would love to live here. It was his fifth visit and his wife's first. But he admitted that he would probably never have come to know Japan if his job with a computer company had not brought him here on business trips, like this one. And Mrs. Ozimek said that while she was enjoying the trip to a country she had hardly given a thought to visiting before, she was intimidated by the \$400 cost of a

brief visit to Mount Fuji, a little more than an hour away. Their experience is hardly unique. Japan is in the heart of its summer vacation season, a paralyzing ritual of mobbed airports, train stations and toadways. There is a serious problem with this mass peregrination: The travelers are almost all Japanese. Few foreigners come to Japan, and lately the number has been dropping.

That is a politically uncomfortable fact for a country that complains incessantly that it is misunderstood. Japanese officials insist that their country, though it has the world's largest trade surplus, would be viewed as some-thing other than a predatory economic animal if foreigners only took the time to get to know it better.

For reasons ranging from the astronomical costs in Japan and the lack of interest in the West to the difficulty of obtaining student visas, getting acquainted has not proven easy.

More than 13 million Japanese will travel abroad this rear, triple the level of a decade ago, as the Japanese have become more affluent.

But Japan will receive only about 3 million foreign visitors in 1994, the second year in a row that the total will have declined, at least in part because costs have risen even higher with the soaring value of the yen.

Japan, with a population of 124.3 million people, is the

third most populous nation in East Asia and economically the largest, yet it ranks just 25th as an international destination, well behind China, Thailand, and even the minuscule Portuguese colony of Macao, near Hong

With students, the story is similar. Japan sends abroad roughly double the number of students it takes in every year, despite a nearly decade-long campaign to balance the figures because of the increasingly important political need to make Japan better liked abroad.

This is one of the least known but most tenacious imbalances in Japan's dealings with the world, and officials worry that it could carry the most negative longterm implications.

"This conveys the impression to foreign countries that Japan is a closed country, even in the cultural sphere," a high-level advisory body reported to the prime minister

in a study released in June. The advisory group recommended tax incentives to the private sector to encourage it to play a greater role in bringing foreign students and workers to Japan. And it suggested easing the difficult procedures for establishing nonprofit organizations that arrange the various types of

The report was tough in its criticism of the branches of See JAPAN, Page 4

MOSCOW — Russian experts acknowledged Tuesday that nuclear material seized this month in Germany could have originated in Russia, and they said systems to prevent theft of nuclear materials needed improvements.

Officials at the leading Russian nuclear research center, the Kurchatovsky Institute. denied that any fissionable material was missing from their facility but pledged to carry out

"As people who work in science, we understand that 'absolutes' never occur," Nikolai Ponomaryev-Stepnoi, vice president of the institute, said at a news conference.

Mr. Ponomaryev-Stepnoi said the institute

ing in security systems.

His remark was a comment on earlier assertions by Russian officials that the plutonium-239 seized by German customs officials in Munich on Aug. 10 "absolutely" bad not come from Russia, as Western governments have suggested. Andrei Gagarinsky, the institute's director for foreign relations, said that despite improvements over the last decade in nuclear material control

systems in Russia, flaws remained. "The systems must be modernized and brought up to today's standards," Mr. Gagar-

Another official at the institute, Nikolai Bonhad recently signed contracts with a number of darvey, said security systems for nuclear facili-

bring them into line with international

standards. The statements by the institute officials contrasted with insistence by Russian officials that control and security systems were sufficient and that no nuclear materials could be smuggled out

Experts at the institute have called for the closure by 1995 of all first-generation nuclear reactors in Russia, including VVR units and the RBMK reactors like those used at the Chernobyl plant in Ukraine.

■ Link to Iraq Reported

A television program on Tuesday said German

Bonn politicians have said was furni
investigators had linked Iraq to a rash of nuclear

\$100 million by an unnamed country.

enterprises, including U.S. laboratories at the Los Alamos nuclear research facility, specializ- bring them into line with international German commercial television RTL quoted unnamed sources as saying the police had seized documents in a raid on a suspect's home that showed Iraq was trying to buy weapons-grade

> The RTL news program said the raid had also uncovered a letter of credit in Iraq's name for \$100 million. It did not specify which of four major cases in the past four months it was referring to.

> The RTL report had parallels with the case of a German businessman arrested in May on suspicion of plutonium smuggling, Adolf Jäkle, who Bonn politicians have said was furnished with

Furor Over Carlos's Lawyer Decried

PARIS (Reuters) — French officials and victims of attacks for which the terrorist Carlos is blamed said Tuesday that a flurry of accusations by and against his lawyer was a smokescreen helping the captured guerrilla.

But the lawyer, Jacques Verges, once again dominated the headlines as French television reported that he had met with Carlos and a member of his organization a dozen years before taking him on as a client last week. Mr. Verges has been in the spotlight since his charge last weekend that President François Mitterrand ordered his killing in the 1980s.

"In the name of victims, we protest about this diversion," said Françoise Rudetski, who heads SOS Attentats, and association of victims of urban guerrilla victims. "We are being distracted from a matter of terrorist attacks by a case of judicial-media-politico Punch and Judy," added Jean-Rene Farthouat, head of the Paris har association.

RAMALLAH, Israeli-Occupied West Bank (Combined Dispatches)—Israel will begin on Wednesday to hand over authority to Palestinians in parts of the West Bank that are still occupied,

An army spokeswoman said the transfer of education, the first of five fields of authority to be ceded in an interim phase of the

Isracli-PLO peace agreement, will begin here.

Palestinian sources said the handover of education would be completed in the West Bank by Aug. 29, in time for the opening of

Burma Arrests 5 as Critics of Junta

BANGKOK (Reuters) — Burmese military authorities have arrested a former United Nations worker and four others for

Action will be taken against a former Unicef worker, Khin Zaw

day.

They said the rubbish-lined river Sarno, which empties into the

Those under investigation include officials from the towns of Italian television called "Europe's dirtiest river."

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia complained Tuesday that the U.S.

ports accompanied by a letter from the Russian Foreign Minis-

Israeli West Bank Transfer to Start

the army said Tuesday.

criticizing the government, contacting banned opposition groups and fabricating anti-government reports, Burma's state media reported Tuesday.

Win, 44, and the four others according to Burnese law, state television reported in a broadcast monitored in Thailand.

Khin Zaw Win, a dentist who worked with Unice in Rangeon

from 1991 to late 1992, was arrested at Rangoon airport on July 4 as he was about to fly to Bangkok. He was reportedly found to be carrying manuscripts and computer discs containing anti-govern-ment material and a confidential Ministry of Energy report.

Italy Holds 110 in Pollution Probe

SALERNO, Italy (Renters) — Magistrates probing one of Italy's worst ecological disasters have put 110 people under investigation and shut down 48 companies, the police said Tues-

Gulf of Naples just north of the Amalfi coast resort area, has for decades been the dumping ground of raw sewage and untreated industrial waste. The police said almost all the towns and companies inspected in the area dumped their waste directly into the

Sarno and Scafati and the mayors of San Valentino Torio, Alberto Esposito, and of Nocera Superiore, Giuseppe Salvi. They face charges of environmental destruction over pollution in what

Russia Complains to U.S. on Visas

Consulate in Moscow was denying visas to Russians with diplomatic passports and called the practice unacceptable. There was no immediate comment from the consulate.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said both sides faced a heavier a workload in processing visa applications since relations had improved and that therefore "some errors are excusable."

But certain cases cannot be considered errors." a spokesman said. He cited visa applications by those with "diplomatic pass-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Pakistan Has Bomb, Ex-Leader Declares

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -Nawaz Sharif, the former prime minister, said Tuesday that Pakistan possessed the atomic a policy decision not to do so bomh. The claim was promptly denied by a government spokesman.

Mr. Sharif, who left office in July 1993 and now leads the opposition, made the assertion in a speech in the Pakistan-controlled third of disputed Kashmir, according to the private

PPI news agency.

He warned India that an attack could trigger a nuclear war between the two countries, who have fought two wars over Kashmir, two-thirds of which is ruled by India.

India also denies having nuclear weapons although it exploded a nuclear device in 1974. Western diplomats believe both countries could easily assemble nuclear devices.

The claim reported by PPI was immediately denied by a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Islamabad, the Pakistan capi-

The official restated the gov-ernment position that it had acand restricted the use of nuclear technology to peaceful purposes like energy.

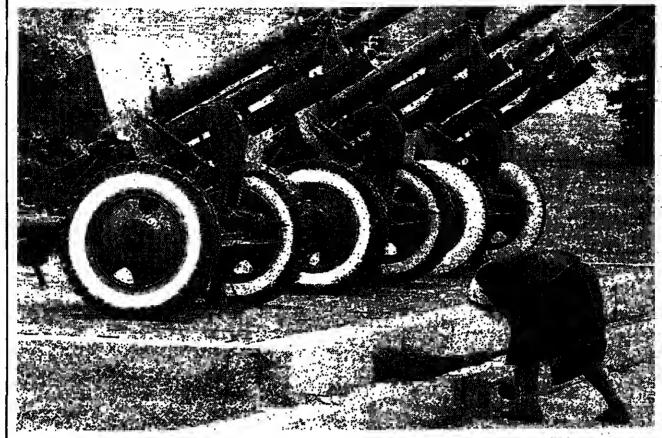
We have the technological capability, but we have taken a conscious decision not to acquire nuclear weapons," be

There was no immediate international reaction to Mr. Sharif's remark.

PPI quoted Mr. Sharif as telling the rally in Neelabutt: "I confirm Pakistan possesses the mic bomb.'

Western observers and governments have long suspected that Pakistan had developed or was developing nuclear arms.

The United States cut off all military aid to Pakistan in Oc-tober 1990 on suspicion it was working to make nuclear weap-ons. Pakistan denied this, cal-ing the cut discriminatory.



THE UKRAINE CELEBRATES - A woman sweeping up around a military monument Tuesday in Kiev prior to celebrations on Wednesday marking the anniversary of its independence following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Rabin Indicates Acceptance of Syrian Authority in Lebanon

By Joseph Fitchett

nal Herald Tribune

PARIS - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted Tuesday as saying that Syria had vetoed an Israeli offer of a separate peace with Lebanon, indicating for the first time that both he and the Clinton administration had accepted Syria's de facto authority over the Beirut government.

In an interview published in Al Hayat, a Beirut newspaper, Mr. Rabin said that be had given the U.S. secretary of state, Warren M. Christopher, a plan for a phased withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon over nine months, a period during which the Lebanese Army would have to demonstrate that it could prevent cross-

But Mr. Christopher, who was in the region earlier this month, bowed to Syrian opposition to any settlement on Lebanon until Syria had con-

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cluded its own peace accord with Israel, Mr. Rabin said.

Lebanon's president, Elias Hrawi, denied Tuesday that Beirut had received any Israeli proposals, adding that Lebanon did not plan any accord of its own. But Mr. Rabin's office stood by the published version of his remarks, which clearly conveyed the view that Syrian authority over the Lebanese government had become a diplomatic fact of life.

Asked if he bad objected to Mr. Christopher's acquiescence to the Syrian fiat, Mr. Rabin rephed that he would have liked to, but kept quiet.
"I have to deal with reality," be was quoted as

A State Department official said that be was unaware of any U.S. position on linkage between Syria and Lebanon in Washington's approach to the peace talks. But he did not deny the report

that Mr. Christopher had tested an Israeli pro-posal about Lebanon with the Syrian rillas, it would deprive Syria of a means of

President Hafez Assad's objections to a separate peace for Lebanon ostensibly arise from fears of seeing Israel gain yet another secure
Mr. Rabin said that the Israeli proposal would
border, isolating Syria further after Israeli peace
have required Lebanon to stop all Hezbollah accords with Egypt, the Palestine Liberation Organization and Jordan,

His real interest, diplomats say, is either pre-serving Lebanon as a trouble spot that can be pacified only by a deal that gives Damascus the territory it wants back from Israel, or garnering international recognition of Syria's semipermanent authority over Lebanon.

This Syrian approach is reflected in the activiwho have the backing of Iran and Syria. If the Army.

essuring Israel, and also might fuel resistance in Beirut to the current situation of de facto Syrian control over Lebanese policy.

operations by sending regular forces to clean out the guerrillas from the zone adjacent to the area controlled by Israel's surrogate force, the South Lebanon Army.

If the Lebanese forces demonstrated success for six months, Mr. Rabin said, Israel would have begun to pull back to its international border provided that the armed Lebanese supporters of Israel were integrated, like other milities in southern Lebanon of Hezbollah guerrillas, tia groups from the civil war, into the Lebanese

Insider Sees a Tough Fight Ahead Over the Fate of Jerusalem

By Caryle Murphy

JERUSALEM - Amir Cheshin, a barrel-chested, bespectacled man of 50, learned as much as any Jewish official about this fielded complaints about taxes.

city's 160,000 Arab residents over the past 10 years. From his second-floor office on Jaffa Street, near the walls of

or's adviser on Arab affairs

ficial, but undeclared, policy of restricting construction in the Arab areas of East Jerusalem. Jerusalem's Old City, the may-

Then, last November, a new, hard-line mayor swept aside 28 years of Labor Party rule in this contested capital. Mr. Cheshin soon departed as well. Now an outsider and government critic, Mr. Cheshin speaks with a decade's accumulated frustration of the rifts he could not bridge

Mr. Cheshin's pessimism suggests the difficulties ahead

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broken water mains and the of-ferent from "Jewish garbage." procedures, we ficial, but undeclared, policy of He saw municipal workers real, united city.

rising, or intifada.
"What I learned in the last seven years, which means during the intifada, is that we have to reach a situation with the last opening negotiations on the city's final status.

Mayor Fluid Olivert between Arab and Jew.

for Israeli and Palestinian negotiators, who have left talks on the political status of Jerusalem for last. After a decade in office. Mr. Cheshin claimed little success in giving Arah neighbor-hoods equal rights and equal service. The city, be said, still is not well-equipped to pick up "Arab garbage," which is dif-

abandon basic services to Arab neighborboods after stonethrowing youths drove them following September's historic out during the Palestinian upout during the Palestinian up-

to reach a situation where the ber of the conservative Likud Arabs in Jerusalem will first of party who unseated Teddy Kol-all feel at bome, and secondly lek in elections in November, do not feel themselves under said his highest priority as may-

procedures, we won't have a lem comes up for negotiations The battle for Jerusalem's future is now clearly under way

ment, which set a deadline for

occupation," Mr. Cheshin said or was "to protect the integrity in an interview. "As long as of the city." He has made it his Arabs in Jerusalem will not be central mission to block any Ispart of the decision-making raeli concessions when Jerusa-

in 1996. In the interim, Mr. Olmert is doing his utmost to demonstrate that Jerusalem is indivisible, and he said that one way to show this was improving mu-

nicipal services to the Arab residents of Jerusalem. Mr. Cheshin is skeptical. "If the new system, or the declared system, by Ehud Olmert will be implemented, the results will be very good," he said. "But I doubt the municipal budget will allow Olmert to put so much money into changing the sys-

A Close Call for U.S. Jet at Gatwick LONDON (Reuters) — An off-course U.S. Boeing 747 airliner with 233 people aboard flew within 500 feet of a busy passenger terminal as it attempted to land at Gatwick Airport in February

1993, an accident report said Tuesday. The report said a computer failure prevented the automatic pilot of the Continental Airlines jumbo jet from locking on to radio beams that would have guided it to the runway.

The flight crew did not believe that cockpit instruments show ing the plane was off course were accurate, according to the report by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch of Britain's Department of Transport. The airliner was attempting to land after a flight from Texas. The pilot finally landed safely on manual

A bomb exploded Tuesday at the Topkapi Palace museum in Istanbul, causing minor damage but no injuries. The five-centuryold site was closed to visitors around noon, when the blast

American citizens will need visas to enter Turkey beginning in October, officials said Tuesday. Foreign Ministry officials said the change was made because the United States recently began charging Turks the equivalent of \$20 for U.S. visas. After Oct. 1, 2 Americans will have to obtain a visa in advance and pay \$20, the ninistry announced

Air France said Tuesday there would be a delay in its planned joint route with Japan Airlines to fly over Russia between Paris and the new Kansai Airport at Osaka. The French airline said the delay was due to a "difference in interpretation" by Russians of airline documents related to the service. Malaysia will use a British mobile military radar starting Mon-

day, the Star newspaper reported in Knala Lumpur. The regular radar system at the Knala Lumpur Airport was damaged by a fire Ang. 13, resulting in flight delays and a reported near-miss. Denver's City Council set a Feb. 28 deadline to open its new airport, with or without its unruly antomated baggage system. If a

conventional baggage system is up and running, the \$3.7 billion airport will open whether or not the high-tech system is ready, a

Paris and Bonn Seek Bosnia Monitors

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — France and Germany urged Serbia on Tuesday to agree to international monitoring of the blockade Bel-grade imposed on Bosnian Serbs to press them to accept a partition plan to achieve peace.

The French foreign minister, Alain Juppe, and Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany appealed to President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia to meet his commitments and accept an effective international control on the border of Bosnia-Herzegovina."

Mr. Milosevic has sealed the borders with the

Bosnian Serbs over their rejection of the latest partition plan, but has so far refused to agree to

placing United Nations observers on the fron-

Leaders of the Bosnian Serbs, defying Mr. Milosevic, have turned down the peace plan for Bosnia and plan to hold a referendum this weekend, which is expected to ratify their stand.

"They urge Bosnian Serb leaders and the par-liament at Pale not to take the heavy step of rekindling the war by rejecting the peace plan that has been proposed to them," said a joint statement issued in Bordeaux, where the ministers were holding talks.

The Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karad-zic, predicted overwhelming rejection of the

"I expect 90 to 95 percent of voters to say 'no' judging by what I have seen and heard," Mr. Karadzic said in an interview broadcast from Pale, the Serbs' stronghold outside Sarajevo.

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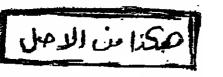
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Vaccine Program Suffers a Relanse

WASHINGTON - In & sudden reversal, the Clinton administration has abandoned plans for a national ware-house that was to have stored and distributed vaccine as part of a campaign to immunize children across the country startiog Oct. 1.

The demise of the warehouse is the latest in a series of setbacks to an initiative that, when proposed in 1993, called for providing free, government-subsidized vaccines to all

Administration officials say they still want to see all children immunized and hope to raise immunization levels hy having manufacturers make hulk shipments of vaccine to state health departments and public health clinics.

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Pentagon's New Look Already Feding

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WASHINGTON - Barely a year after it was unveiled, the Pentagon's highly touted "Bottom-Up Review" of U.S. military policy, intended to serve as the Clinton administration's hlueprint for the post-Cold War military, is largely in tatters.

As envisioned by former Defense Secretary Les Aspin, the review was supposed to clean oot old thinking, forge a new role for the military and yield a smaller but tougher fighting

force. Mr. Aspin maintained that it had done exactly that. "It has produced a lean, mobile, high-tech force, ready to protect Americans to this new time," he said last September. when the new study was completed.

But today the Bottom-Up Review has become a liability, derided by military experts of all stripes and given only a lukewarm embrace by the Defense Department's new man-

Liberals complain that the review's central recommenda-tion — that the United States maintain a large enough force to fight two major regional wars "nearly simultaneously" — is merely a holdover from Cold War days and is out of sync with the relatively low-intensity conflicts that have broken out in Rwanda, Haiti and elsewhere. Conservatives contend that the administration's military budget is insufficient to finance the force the review says would be needed: (LAT)

Sentencing of CIA Spy's Wife Delayed

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has delayed the sentencing of the wife of Aldrich Hazen Ames so government investigators can further question the former CIA officer about his work as a double agent for Moscow.

Rosario Ames was to have been sentenced Friday in U.S. District Court as a result of her pleading guilty along with her husband in a conspiracy to commit espionage and evade taxes. But Judge Claude M. Hilton delayed action until Sept. 23 at the request of attorneys on both sides.

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President Bill Clinton, in a statement to senators: "This isn't a Democratic crime bill or a Republican crime bill. It's an American crime bill; And it will make a difference in every town, every city and every state in our country."

MEXICO: End to Rubber Stomps

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percent for Diego Fernández de Cevallos, of the conservative National Action Party. The interior minister, Jorge Carpizo, said as much as 75 percent of the electorate participated in the vote.

Most international and Mexican observer groups described the election as clean, though spotted with irregularities. A San Francisco-based observer group, Global Exchange, on Tuesday reported instances in southern Oaxaca state in which men hrandishing rifles or machetes stood next to polling booths, while others instructed voters where to mark their ballots for the PRI. Medea Beniamin, who heads Global Exchange, described such irregularities as very widespread: "Out in the country-

side, it was quite the norm." Other groups, including the International Republican Institute, criticized the lopsided advantages in funding and logistical support available to the PRI throughout the campaign, although they said there was little evidence of fampering in the vote itself.

Administration and PRI officials have been working the phones since Sunday trying to play down reports of irregularities and portray the election to ing opposition parties are guar-foreign journalists as exactly anteed additional legislative cleanest in Mexican history.

"I think it says a lot that the debate has changed dramatically from talk of fraud and ballot-stuffing to what it is now: complaints that the playing field is uneven," an administra-tion official said.

The official conceded that the electoral reforms Mr. Salinas engineered this year would not have been possible without

overwhelming PRI control of both the Senate and the lowerhouse Chamber of Deputies. "Of course, he occded the PRI, but he also needed the other parties," the official explained.
"The president has always said he would only be able to go as far as the political consensus

The PRI currently controls 95 percent of all seats in the Senate and 322 of the 500 seats in the lower house. The party's broad majority, combined with an internal structure that punishes dissenters, has enabled Mexican presidents to virtually decree any legislation they deemed necessary.

The Mexican Constitution has been amended more than 100 times since it was written in 1917, and at least six times since Mr. Salinas took office in 1988.

Although the existing arrangement served Mr. Salinas well when he needed quick approval of economie and political reforms - or when he sought legislative approval last year of the North American Free Trade Agreement — he has now eliminated the advantage for his successor. Under new reapportionment

rules that accompanied Mr. Salinas's electoral reforms, leadwhat Mr. Salinas promised: the seats based on the proportion of votes they received in Sun-day's election. A constitutional amendment Mr. Salinas pushed through this year prohibits any party from having a majority at or exceeding two-thirds in either legislative chamber. Thus, future constitutional amendments - which require a twothirds majority vote — cannot be passed without support by the opposition.

Republicans Do All They Can to Kill the Crime Bill

By Helen Dewar

WASHINGTON - Senate Republicans have by the 1995 budget. mounted a last-ditch effort to force major revisions in the \$30 billion crime bill, threatening the measure with further delay and raising the possifilled trip through the House.

Hours after the House reversed itself and approved a painstakingly negotiated bipartisan compromise. Senator Phil Gramm, Republican of Texas, and other Republican conservatives served notice Monday that they would raise a procedural challenge to the hill that would take 60 votes to overcome.

conference agreement on the verge of the hill's votes to strengthen penalty provisions and scale final passage. Mr. Gramm said Republicans back prevention programs. would challenge the hill as a technical violation

finance anti-crime programs was not sanctioned

[Senator Joseph Bideo, Democrat of Delaware, said Tuesday that he believed there were enough votes to block the Republican plan to bility that it could have to make another peril- derail the package. The Associated Press

> Mr. Biden, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a television interview that he had "at least 58 senators" of the 60 needed to block the Republican plan.]

Mr. Gramm, who did not raise any questions about the bill on hudget grounds when the Senate first acted on it in November, made it clear In a rare attempt to reopen a House-Senate that he was using the technicality only to force

"We'd like to get the pork out," Mr. Gramm

of budget rules because the trust fund created to said, along with what he described as social

If Republicans win the procedural fight, the legislacon - or, more particularly, an earlier Republicans would doom the bill io the House. version of it - would be open to amendment hy majority vote.

After the Senate completes action on the measure, the revised hill would then have to go back tions in the federal bureaucracy. to the House, where any major changes could unravel the fragile compromise that was approved Sunday evening by a vote of 235 to 195.

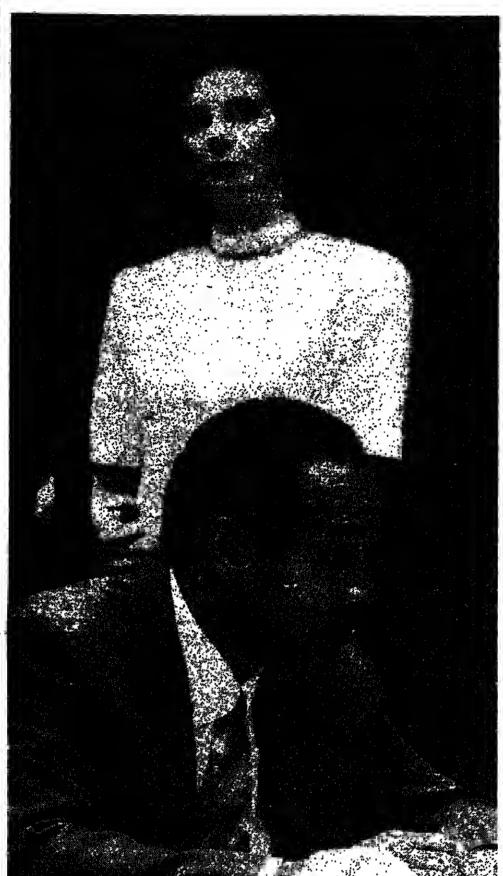
The House had sidetracked the hill Aug. 11 on a procedural vote, setting off a frantic scramble hy President Bill Clinton and Democraoc lead-Sunday's success was setting the halance be-

said, along with what he described as social "It looks like an effort to make sure the crime welfare programs disguised as crime prevention hill doesn't reach the president's desk," said an aide to the House Democratic leadership, who predicted that changes proposed by the Schale

On Monday, Mr. Clinton sent all senators a two-page letter urging passage of the crime hill and asserting that it had been paid for hy reduc-

The letter pointed out that in November, 95 senators voted for the crime bill, whose central provisions were the same as those in the current legislacion. The president called on the Senate to "put aside politics and finish the joh."

Administration officials called the letter. ers to reverse the outcome. Among the most couched in gentle, hipartisan language, the "hy-difficult elements of the compromise that led to pocrisy report" because it essentially told the senators that what some of them were objecting tween prison construction and prevention to today was what they had voted for a few



O.J. Simpson and the chief prosecutor, Marcia Clark, at a hearing concerning evidence.

Battle on Simpson Blood Tests His Lawyers Try to Discredit DNA Results

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson's defense team escalated its attack on critical DNA evidence Tuesday, jousting with the judge and grilling police technicians on how they had handled blood samples found at the murder scene.

A police expert, Collin Ya-mauchi, acknowledged that he had mislabeled one blood sample, but he insisted that he had taken pains to protect bloodsoaked swatches, going so far as to avoid touching them with a ruler while measuring them.

"I didn't want to risk contamination, so I made approximations," said Mr. Yamauchi, under questioning from one of the defense attorneys, Barry Scheck. "I tried to avoid touching them as much as possible."

The inquiry came during a contentious hearing to determine if the defense would be allowed to conduct its own tests on newly disclosed blood samples. But the Simpson camp clearly tried to use the session to lay the groundwork for its overall challenge of DNA evi-

The fight is criocal for Mr. dividual. Simpson. On Mooday, prosecutors said that sophisticated tests had found that the genetic makeup of his blood matched that of blood found oear the slashed bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Gold-

ing its accuracy and the quality of laboratory procedures, be-tests appear to be extremely cause there is no direct evidence strong evidence of Mr. Simplinking anyone to the June 12 son's possible involvement in killings.

Mr. Simpson, the former football star and television personality, has pleaded not guilty to charges that he murdered Ms. Simpson, his former wife, and Mr. Goldman, her friend, outside Ms. Simpson's home. Jury selection is to begin Sept.

"We contend that, with regard to all of this evidence, there's a real question that all of it has been degraded or contaminated in some way," another defense lawyer, Johnnie Coch-

ran Jr., said outside the hearing. Prosecutors charge that Mr. Simpson left blood at the murder scene when he cut his finger during a struggle. The defense has provided a variety of explanations for the cut.

Earlier blood tests on samples taken from the crime scene pers. had determined that they matched Mr. Simpson's blood type, But DNA testing is believed to be far more specifie in suade Judge Lance A. Ito to identifying or ruling out an in-admit their results. They also

There is wide disagreement among scientific experts about the accuracy and usefulness of DNA testing, and they emphasize that only those tests performed under the best of circumstances are valuable.

But George Sensabaugh, a The Simpson case is likely to professor of forensic science at results at a hearing after jury center on the issue of DNA test- the University of California at selection. (AP. NYT)

the crime.

"One would have to speculate that he is one of a very small percent of the population, almost certainly less than 1 in 1,000 and maybe even less than l in 10,000," he said.

According to court papers, two samples taken from the "blood trail" leading away from Ms. Simpson's condominium were subjected to a general type of DNA testing known as poly-merase chain reaction, or PCR, with results suggesting that they matched his samples.

One of those samples was subjected to a preliminary form of a more rigorous DNA test known as RFLP, or restriction fragmeot-length polymor-phisms. The results of this test also indicated a match with Mr. Simpson, according to court pa-

Scientifie experts have differed oo how to interpret DNA tests, so prosecutors must permust say what the odds are that the blood came from Mr. Simpson and not someone else.

California's appeals courts have been divided on the admissibility of DNA evidence, so the defense has room to maneuver. Mr. Simpson's lawyers are expected to challenge the test

For a Byte to Eat, Try Pizza by Internet

WASHINGTON - Computer nuts have lost their last reason to leave their keyboards. ever. In Santa Cruz, California, Pizza Hut has logged on as the first outlet accepting orders over the information highway.

A test run has begun on PizzaNet, the world's first Internet pizza delivery system. Pizza Hut chose Santa Cruz, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of San Francisco, for its 90-day test because of the city's large number

Those who live in more ordinary exits off the electronic superhighway will have to wait for PizzaNet until after this test run and until the company senses a groundswell of de-mand. A groundswell did not seem imminent

by the end of lunchtime Mooday; not a single Internet order had been logged

Internet orders are sent to the company's headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, where the customer's address is electronically verified. Then the company identifies the Pizza Hut outlet closest to the customer and electronically dispatches the order to it. Filling an Internet order should take the same amount of time that a telephone order would take, a

spokesman said. If it is expanded nationwide, PizzaNet will still be limited to people within eight minutes' drive time — in rush hour — of a Pizza Hut. But you will not be able to send a pizza instead of flowers for Mother's Day, since payment must still be made at the door.

Refugees Back in Cuba—the U.S. Part

New York Times Service
GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL STATION, Cuba — The first Cuban refugees in 28 years to be refused asylum in the United States - more than 2,000 of them — have arrived at Guantanamo Bay Naval Sta-tion to clusters of tents pitched as hastily as American policy

had changed.
[The Clinton administration is close to an agreement with a half-dozen hemisphere nations to provide "havens" for thousands of Cubans fleeing their country despite a U.S. warning to stay at home, The Associated Press reported Tuesday, quoting State Department officials. [Refugees in Guantánamo Bay will be sent to the other countries when facilities are

the Turks and Caicos, Suriname and Panama.)

Courageous slid up to the dock at 11:45 A.M. Monday, the 267 Cuhan refugees it had plucked from frail rafts squatted glumly under a tarp stretched across its aft helicopter flight deck against the hurning sun. Earlier in the morning, three cutters had unloaded refugees picked up at sea, and another, the Mo-hawk, arrived in the afternoon.

Military officials said they thought the five cutters would land roughly 1,450 refugees picked up over the last few days. But by midnight, the Coast Guard said, 2,548 refu-gees who had been picked up in the Florida Straits had landed. ready, the officials said. Among It was the largest one-day total man services, a cot, a tent,

the countries being approached of refugees since the Mariel something to eat," he said. to set up detention centers are boatlift in 1930. "We'll get them three hot meals

no longer headed for the riches When the Coast Guard cutter and freedom of Miami, like the quality of life. fleeing Cubans before them. Instead, following President Bill Clinton's abrupt challenge to President Fidel Castro of Cuba on Friday, they faced an uncertain future on this bleak 45square-mile (117-square-kilometer) base that was already home, as of Monday, to 14.616 Haitian refugees Rather than decreasing with

the American policy change, the ode of refugees seemed to "We have been told to pre-

pare for 10,000," Brigadier General Michael J. Williams said. "We'll give them basic hu-

Suddenly, the refugees were a day as soon as we can. Then we'll try to work on improving

Marines put up more tents on these barren hillsides whenever Mr. Clinton's policies in the Carihbean change. They have done it several times with shifts in Haitian policy, and now they are doing it again. The refugees who arrived in

Guantánamo Bay on Monday said that they had left Cuha on the rickety, jerry-huilt boats the regime seemed to be encouraging before they had heard of the American change of policy.

They seemed stunned and some were angered to have wound up back on the same island, albeit on the portion leased by the United States.

violated the group's hylaws. The lawsuit, filed in District of Columbia Superior Court, seeks an injunction prohibiting the NAACP from removing him from the job until the issue is

going into isolation, which rules require, he kept quiet and over a 12-day period moved about in the general public. He developed a high fever and was put into isolation Aug. 20. • The Reverend Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., fired as bead of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is suing to get his job hack on grounds that his dismissal

The world's largest depository of tropical viruses, at Yale

University, may be closed because a scientist unwittingly

exposed more than two dozen people to a rare disease

Federal, state and local public health officials met privately with university leaders on Tuesday to discuss what to do in

the aftermath of the second known escape of an expric disease

from the lah in 25 years. The name of the scientist was not

released, but New York Newsday identified him as Dr. Jean-

Paul Gonzalez. The scientist contracted the deadly Brazilian

Sabia virus when a test tube broke while he was working Aug.

S in the New Haven laboratory. He apparently helieved a

sterile mask and rubber gloves had protected him. Instead of

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resolved. He earned \$200,000 a year as executive director. After be won a \$5.1 million lottery jackpot, a man who left his wife and three children 48 years ago agreed to pay them less than \$100,000 in retroacove child support and alimony. "I knew I could win the case," John Gonsalves. 71. said of the lawsuit by his former wife. "But rather than go through all this, I decided to make the offer. After all, she's the mother of

 In the Colorado mountain fire that killed 14 fire fighters last month, a federal investigation found that fire fighters and supervisors made crucial errors in judgment and violated safety procedures. The report said that their "can-do attitude" led to a "compromising" of standard safety procedures, such as a failure to plot an escape route.

AFP, NYT, AP. Reuters. LAT

The 'U.S.-Style Boy' SINGAPORE - An ad agency has withdrawn a publication display advertisement

here after it was criticized by Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong for promoting what he called American-style youth insolence, the ad's creator said Tuesday.

Singapore Rejects

The advertisement was for a children's outritional supplement called Sustagen. It showed a toddler with raised list and wearing a baseball cap sideways, saying: "Come on, Dad. If you can play golf five times a week, I can have Sustagen once a day."

Mr. Goh said Sunday in a speech that he had found the advertisement to be "most objectionable," reflecting American values.

Threats Traded in Cairo Over Population Talks

condemned a United Nations population conference that is to be held here next month, prompting a private warning from Egyptian security agents to call off such sermons, a militant leader

"Some brothers are preaching against this corrupt, immoral conference in the mosques," said the leader, an important militant figure in Imbaba, a poor section of Cairo that is the city's biggest fundamentalist stronghold.
"But others may decide to defend Islam by

killing, and they would be willing to die in the process. If the West is afraid of blood, it should stay away from us." He spoke on condition that

CAIRO - Muslim militant preachers have offensive or cootroversial in parts of the Muslim ern immorality, the militant leader said. world, including abortion, family planning and adolescent sexuality.

Such ideas have stirred indignation among Islamie militants, who are waging a violent campaign to topple Egypt's secular government and install a strict Islamic state.

The country's most active and violent militant organizations, the Islamic Group and Al Jihad. have out condemned the conference or threatened violence. And many of their members, including key leaders, have been captured or killed in shoot-outs, Interior Ministry officials

Ran on Demonstrations

and Development, to be held Sept. 5-13, will ence as an American and Israeli attempt to taking place, Reuters reported.

cover a number of subjects that are considered dominate the Islamic world by spreading West-He said that Egyptian security agents had

warned him Sunday night to call off any additional sermons condemning the conference. The conference, expected to draw as many as 20,000 participants, has already drawn criticism

from moderate Islamie quarters. But it is the radical militant groups that pose the greatest threat to the government of President Hosni Mubarak, which has only recently

begun to contain a wave of violence that has killed over 400 people.

Egypt's interior minister, Hassan Alfi, said But for the last month, militant preachers have Tuesday that the government would han any The International Conference on Population delivered fiery sermons decouncing the confer- form of protest in Cairo while the meeting was



Wounded Hutu-Led Soldiers Lie Helpless, Lacking Aid

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

CAMP PANZI, Zaire -- Rwandan wounded here lie in an open field without tents or tarpaulin cover. The majority are amputees, young men in the prime of life, their bodies and futures ruined hy war. There is no medicine to ease the pain and food is running out

But the wounded men at this Zairian military base — here with thousands of Rwandan women and children - are soldiers from Rwanda's defeated Hutu-led army, accused of massacring ions of thousands of minority Tutsi during three

mooths of ethnic fighting earlier this year. Relief workers are thus in a bind. To provide aid for the camp is to help accused killers. To avoid the camp is to risk the deaths of innocent

women and children. So far, aid agencies are staying away.

"There is nobody here helping," said a Rwan-dan Army medic who asked not to be named. in the open," said Kris Janowski, a spokesman here. We have infectious diseases. We have dys- get involved in a military camp, he said. cotery. There is malaria."

Asked about the absence of relief assistance, he said, "It's a problem that we ask about also. There are infants here. There are old people

Aid groups that have flocked into Zaire's eastern border region will not assist Camp Panzi's refugees because, they say, the soldiers are still organized and are not true refugees.

To receive aid, relief workers say, the soldiers must shed their uniforms and mix in with the rest of the area's refugee population, now approach-

"Medicine is a big problem because we doo't for the United Nations High Commissioner for have money to buy it. We have war-wounded Refugees in Bukavu. But the UN agency cannot

> are the alleged perpetrators of the massacres, and nobody really wants to touch them."

But ignoring the soldiers also affects the wom-Camp Panzi, along with 6,000 women and children. Among the refugees are 800 orphans and were preparing to eat. "The latrines are poorly unaccompanied children whom the retreating made. The children will get sick and die." soldiers picked up along the road.

Many of the children were naked or in rags and now wear oversized olive green military shirts as their only clothing.

and beans, prepared by wives of Zairian soldiers who live at a Zairian camp.

Captain Assani Bwansolu of the Zairian Army, allowed a reporter access to the camp to Another relief official put it this way: "These show the deteriorating conditions and appeal for

"It's serious here, very serious," he said, stand-ing in front of the hundreds of children lined up en and children with them. The UN refugee and waiting patiently for their meal. "You smell agency estimates that about 4,000 soldiers live at the odor? The toilets are right there," he said, pointing to the trench where nearby children

"There will be a big calamity here if the world doesn't come to help," he said. Asked how long food could last, he said. "There is nothing.

A Sign of Trouble In Kim's Ascension Leaflets Urging His Ouster Reportedly Found in Capital

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL - Leaflets calling for the ouster of the designated North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, have been scattered in the diplomatic district of Pyongyang, a South Korean report said Tuesday.

Such leaflets would be the gle against the son and heirbe reported from the North.

The South Korean domestic news agency Yonhap quoted an unidentified Western diplomat in Seoul as saying the leaflets, which read, "Down with Kim Jong II," were dropped at embassies in North Korea's capital Friday night or Saturday morn- its revolution."

That neighborhood is offlimits to ordinary North Korean citizens, so the appearance of such leaflets would seem to indicate that some faction among the North Korean power elite was behind them.

There was no immediate independent confirmation of the

One senior Western diplomat in Seoul said he had heard noth-

of the world's most secretive

Yonhap quoted the source as. saying the incident might be related to a North Korean radio commentary Sunday that homed at opposition to the takeover by Kim Jong Il.

The commentary, broadcast first overt sign of a power strug- by North Korean domestic radio and monitored in Tokyo. apparent of the late president of said the country's revolutionary North Korea, Kim Il Sung, to work should not end with just one generation.

"Historical experience," it said, "shows that unless the problem of a successor of a revolutionary leader is solved correctly, ambitious persons and conspirators may, with a breach of faith, play with the party and

This, the radio added, "could have a very bad result, destroy-ing the revolution and its foun-

North Korea's media has hailed Kim Jong II, 52, as the country's "Great Leader" since his father's death last month.

But there has been increasing confusion in the world as to why no formal announcement has been made of his assuming (AP, AFP, Reuters)

ing of the reported incident, his father's highest posts—"though," he added, "there is those of Communist Party gengrowing uncertainty over the cral secretary and president, situation in North Korea," one (AP, AFP, Reuter) Murayama Trailed

MANILA - Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama of Japan began a visit to four Asian eighbors on Tuesday, dogged by the issue of Japan's wartime

About 50 Filipino women who said they were forced to be prostitutes for Japanese sol-diers during World War II pro-tested Mr. Murayama's arrival in Manila on the first stop in a four-pation Southeast Asian tour. The women demanded

Similar demonstrations are

Mr. Murayama's trip also includes a stop in Vietnam, where talks are expected to focus on Japanese help for Victnam's developing free-market economy. Japan provided about \$600 milhon in aid to Victnam last year.

A Philippines official said Manila would "welcome the manifestations of the remorse of the Japanese government and the Japanese people." Media organizations in the

establishing a nongovernmental organization which would accept donations by individuals and groups. Reports have also said that

Japan may invest \$1 billion over the cext 10 years to build job training centers in Asia and help those who had been uprooted by the Japanese army to return home.

Mr. Murayama, a Socialist, has sympathized with the compensation demands of Asian countries, but his coalition partners, the conservative Liberal Democrats, oppose the

His visit began as a published poll showed that more than 70 percent of Japanese believe their conotry has not paid enough compensation to victims of its aggression in Asia before and during the war.

The survey published Tuesday by the daily Asahi Shimbun showed 72 percent of 2.316 re-

spondents believed compensation had been insufficient. Seventeen percent said full compensation had been paid.

Among people aged 70 and over, 24 percent said the compensation had been sufficient. Japan's wartime acts include needlessly killing thousands of

Filipino civilians in battle, exccuting and conscripting Malaysians as laborers, and executing at least 40,000 Singaporeans, region have reported that Japan often after torture, who were suspected of being anti-Japa-

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compensation for their ordeal.

expected when Mr.- Murayama visits Malaysia and Singapore, where resentment of Japan's hrutal occupation of Asia is still strong. Japan's position is that any reparations disputes were settled in postwar treatics.

banned several small neo-Nazi groups in recent years, it has balked at outlawing the larger Chancellor Helmut Kohl publicans in April. "The vast

Mr. Murayama and President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines were expected to discuss the issue of compensation Wednesday.

is considering compensating the so-called "comfort women" by

JAPAN: Number of Visitors Drops

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anges, such as the Japan The report also called for

simpler visa procedures and more money for scholarships. Akito Arima, the former president of Japan's leading mittee, said: "Japan has to establish itself as a cultural coun-

No one doubts that a big part of the problem rests in the Unit-

Japanese, and courses in Japagovernment that promote ex- nese history or culture have generally not been popular at Western universities

Culturally, Americans tend to feel more connected with Europe, in spite of the fact that Japan is the largest U.S. overscas trading partner and the tary strategy in the Pacific. Even when costs in Japan

were far lower, few Americans came here. And while the distance is great, that does not deter Americans from visiting China, for instance, in greater numbers.

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3 Somali Gunmen Seized in Ambush

NAIROBI - Three Somalis were killed and three captured in the ambush of a UN convoy of Indian troops in which gunmen massacred seven soldiers and wounded nine, a UN spokesman said Tuesday.

Major Rick McDonald said by telephooe from Mogadishu, the Somali capital, that the three detainees would be interro-gated by personnel of the UN Operation in Somalia, but the

motive for Mooday's attack was oot yet known. The assailants shot at the convoy, carrying some 35 Indian troops in the central Somali village of Burleego, with mortars and anti-aircraft weapons, and the soldiers returned fire. Major McDonald said that nine soldiers had been injured and oot six, as first announced by the United Nations oo

Monday, and that all were in stable coodition Tuesday in bospitals in Baidoa and Mogadishu.

He added that it was possible that more of the Somalis had been killed or wounded, but that only three deaths could be

On Mooday, Major McDooald described the amhush as an

uoprovoked and carefully coordinated attack. The incident brought to 106 the oumber of UN peacekeepers killed in Somalia since May 1993.

Lagos Court Delays Curb on Oil Union

LAGOS—The Nigerian federal high court Tuesday suspended for a week a government order dissolving the leadership of the main striking

oil union, officials said. The military government announced last week that it was dissolving the leadership of the National Unioo of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers and replacing it with a military ad-

The union has been leading an eight-week-old strike calling for the military to hand over

power to a civilian government. Judge Mamman Kolo said he would hear the suit next Wednesday. The association's executive body dissolved by government should have its original status quo maintained

General Sani Abacha, the military ruler, moved against the unions to end a six-weekold strike in support of Moshood K. O. Abiola, the busioessman believed to have won an annulled presidential elec-

tion last year. claimed himself president.

He is oo trial oow, charged with treason for having pro-

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Khmer Rouge probing found army resistance so weak that at

one point a force of about 400

guerrillas pushed to within nine

miles of Battambang, Cambo-dia's second-largest city, burn-

ing down villages and forcing more than 40,000 people to flee.

Government casualties in the

campaign were estimated at

more than 500 killed and 1,000

For the army, "Pailin was a total disaster from all points of

view," a United Nations official

said. "A direct consequence of

these military operations is that

the Khmer Rouge remobilized.

They have provoked a de facto

The current oumber of

Khmer Rouge combatants re-

mains unclear, with estimates

ranging from 10,000 to 15,000.

Defections that seemed to be

sapping Khmer Rouge strength

last year oow bave cearly

stopped amid reports of gov-

ernment corruption and mis-

return to war nationwide."

REBELS: Khmer Rouge, Again

the court to declare the dismiss al of their executives illegal.

Earlier, the dismissed president of the white-collar oil workers' union. Bola Owodunni, said Tuesday that mem-bers of the union bad not returned to work despite an order from General Ahacha.

The claim that most of our workers resumed yesterday is a hoax," he said.

Oil industry officials say some of the strikers had turned up after being ordered back to their jobs by General Abacha, but they maintain that it is too early to say the pro-democracy strike is over after seven weeks.

ment warns that the striking workers have until Thursday to return to work. Mr. Owodunni said, "Only those people oo essential duties

General Ahacha's govern-

have resumed, and they are still tend to be organized along mostly management staff." still tend to be organized along national lines. Sales targets and Nigeria's oil operations have been severely disrupted by the

"We do oot intend to paralyze the economy but government's intransigence to not listen to us during negotiations has brought about this im-passe," Mr. Owodunni said. (AFP, Reuters)

treatment at a military camp

where bundreds were being re-

trained for service in the new

Cambodian Army. Many of the

more than 1,500 Khmer Rouge

members who defected last year

have run away, and some have

rejoined the guerrillas, human

weakest they've been in years,

hut the army is so inept that it makes the Khmer Rouge look

strong," said James Ross, a rep-

resentative of the International

Human Rights Law Group. Since UN-supervised elec

tions last year under a 1991

peace accord, the guerrilla group has lost its Chinese spon-

sorship, its unhindered access

to sanctuaries in Thailand, its

UN recognition and its claims

to oational legitimacy through professed obcisance to King Norodom Sihanouk.

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The Khmer Rouge are at the

rights investigators said.

Disabled soldiers from Rwanda in Zaire on Tuesday approaching their camp, crowded with soldiers and their families.

RWANDA: Wounded Hutu Soldiers, Feared and Shunned, Go Untended

epidemics like measles start, the aid officials stress, there will be a far higher death rate among Zaireans, many of whom are not vaccinated, than among Rwandans who have benefited from a vaccinatioo program. (Reuers, AFP)

Rights Monitors Urged

Tuesday for the deployment of up to 200 burnan rights monitors in Rwanda, Agence France-Presse reported from Geneva. In a report published here after a visit to

Rwanda at the end of July, René Degni-Segni of the Ivory Coast said the "fundamental problem" in Rwanda was security. Mr. Degni-Segui, a lawyer sent to Rwanda by the UN Commission on Hu-A United Nations investigator called man Rights, pinpointed the illegal seizure

of abandoned houses - often by returning refugees - banditry, summary executions and a collapse of state administration.

But he said that be was satisfied with unamhiguous assurances be had received from the new government, installed in Kigali by rebels of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front, that there will be no summary executions in reprisal for the massacre of Tutsi and moderate Hutu.

far-right parties.

flatly ruled out asking the Ger-

man high court to ban the Re-

majority of Germans know very

well that every vote for the Re-

publicans is a vote against do-

country's international stand-

ng," Mr. Kohl said at the time.

People's Union will help the

Republicans' flagging electoral fortunes will be seen in the Oct.

16 elections. Earlier this sum-

mer the Republicans won only

3.9 percent of the vote in Euro-

pean Parliament elections, less

than the minimum needed for

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pobtical strategy is presumably

Mr. Frey and Mr. Schön-

buber, both based in Munich,

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Mr. Roedy describes the process by which he has now signed up over 200 advertisers as very labor intensive. "You have to sell oot only their corporate headquarters but each of the national units as well," he said.

Norway's First

Gay Spouses

Seek Divorce

The Associated Press

OSLO — One year after Norway allowed homosex-

uals to marry, a couple bas

filed for what may be the

country's first gay divorce.

occu granted a separation,

the first step toward a di-vorce, said Wenche An-

dreassen of the Oslo family

Mr. Andreassen refused

to give details about the

couple or the separation,

citing privacy rules.

Norway was the secood

country in the world, after

Denmark, to allow gay

marriages. Spouses are

guaranteed the same rights

as heterosexual couples, ex-

cept for a church wedding

or adopting children. They

must follow regular divorce

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services office.

Two homosexuals have

scored more successes than any and British music. other pan-European broadcastproblem for a company like er in selling itself. Professional products for a company like marketers point out that it is direction. Last year, it set up a cuogg hawking products like aided by a strong brand name, a discrete 16-to-34-year-old audieven those companies that ence and by the fact that music only difference is that advertisdo sell the same product under suffers fewer problems of language and national taste in

crossing borders than does any other type of programming. Still, the pan-European market, far from approaching the sum of its national parts, remains a tiny sliver of the total.
"It is still relatively small,"

said Paul McGhee, director of octwork and business development at NBC Super Channel, which along with MTV, Euro Sport and CNN lead the field. Mr. McGhee estimates the value of the pan-European advertising market at \$150 million. Although Mr. Roedy puts the figure at close to \$500 million, that still constitutes barely one-

tenth of the total market. single European market will tally compressing its signal, it will be able in January to squeeze six channels on to the satellites it uses to cover Europe instead of the one it now has. Mr. Roedy is coosidering whether to use that oew capacity for new product offerings like VH-I or to tailor MTV for

national markets. Meanwhile, MTV faces ever greater competition from a rising number of national rivals. In Germany, for instance, a music video station called VIVA began broadcasting in January. Owned jointly by the record he seemed to grimace in pain companies EMI. Sony, Poly- while descending from a platgram and Warner Music, Viva form where he had said Mass. not only takes Germany-only advertising hut emphasizes German groups.

David Hughes, a spokesman leg, broken last April when he for EMI Records UK, criticizes fell in his bathroom at the Vatihis pan-European competitor can.

By all accounts MTV has as "dominated by American Watch on Rightists

Already MTV has begun to slip in a more country-specific Germany alone.

Even more tellingly, MTV has quietly bowed to European nationalism by offering for the last two years to screen national advertising on its pan-European service.

With a reach that now extends to 60 million households across Europe and with a viewership of 300,000 in any given half bour of the day. MTV's owners are slowly turning from development to profit maximization.

In an attempt to pump up its revenue stream, MTV plans to scramble its signal beginning next year. From that point oo MTV viewers, only a small frac-Next year MTV's faith in the tion of whom currently pay for the channel, will have to pony face a new litmus test. By digi- up a monthly subscription fee.

Pope's Recovery Called Excellent

ROME - The Vatican insisted Tuesday that Pope John Paul II was making "excellent" progress during a mountain vacatioo in northern Italy despite

The womes about the 74year-old Pope's physical well-

concern over his health.

being resurfaced Sunday when At the time, his spokesman said the Pope had inadvertently put all his weight on his right

of the party's 1989 tally. Mr. Schönhuber, 71, recently announced that he would step down later this year as chair-man of the party he founded in

Opinion polls indicate that the Republicans will also fall Foundation, and suggested that they be doubled in size over the short of the 5 percent needed for seats in the German Parlianext few years and that their budgets be increased sharply. ment. The People's Union has no slate of candidates in the more housing for foreign stu-October election, so any joint dents, more language courses,

intended to further Republican university, Tokyo University, and head of the advisory comsaid in their statement that Germany's mainstream parties had tics to keep the far-right out of Bonn. They also professed to be motivated by calls within Mr. try, not just an economic giant. Japan's whole raison d'être must change. France is a coun-Kohl's Christian Democratic try of arts and culture. Why not Party for constitutional revi-Japan?"

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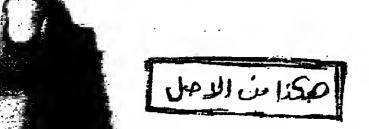
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LONDON THEATER

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - In a summer when London theaters are reeling from the double whammy of heat wave and rail strike, lines around box offices are about as rare as accessible car parking and air conditioning. But nightly along The Cut around the Young Vic. several hundred people wait to get into the surprise hit of the season: Théâtre de Conplicité's "The Street of Crocodiles."

Surprise, because this show was at the National Theatre less than two years ago, and because the revival has accordingly not been all that widely reviewed. It must therefore be word of mouth, plus tremendous brand loyalty, which brings Complicité's followers out in such unseasonable force, and given the Young Vic's current uncertainty of management, it might be wise to offer them tenure.

For the Complicité group is quite extraordinary: part actors, part acrobats (one of them makes his entrance here by walking down the length of a wall from ceiling to floor), part mime artists, they come together to perform the surrealist short stories of Bruno Schulz, the Polish writer murdered by the Nazis in 1942. These range from family dinners interrupted by the birds Bruno's father keeps in the attic, through slapstick schooldays to the final, awful realization that the marching feet heard offstage, and the ever-increasing sense of menace on the stage, lead inexora-bly toward the ghettos and the gas cham-

Yet this is also where Franz Kafka meets the Marx Brothers, Simon McBurney's agile production is much more audience friendly on second viewing, and although a knowledge of German or Spanish might be useful for the occasional bursts of dialogue, there is so much else going on in this three-ring circus that it is best just surren-

der to the fantasy and the nightmare.
You have only the next two Sunday afternoons left in which to catch, in concert at the Barbican, the most exciting musical rediscovery of the year. George and Ira Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band" first opened, and indeed closed, in Philadelphia 67 years ago next week. Three years later, by which time the original George Kaufman book had been disched. it made it to Broadway but was then never heard of again until a discovery of its sheet musie in a New Jersey warehouse led to a CD recording some five years ago. Now, and not before time, we get a

London premiere in Ian Marshall-Fisher's Lost Musicals sequence, and with an immensely starry cast: Daniel Massey, Thelma Ruby, Frank Thornton, Kathryn Evans and Sam Kelly hring the original Kaufman script back to wisecracking life with a score rich not only in the title song and "The Man I Love," but half a dozen other Gershwin classics, many of them unheard on stage this last half-century. But what makes "Strike Up the Band"

so fascinating is the reason for its original failure: when it first opened in 1927, World War I was less than a decade away. and there must have been many in that opening-night audience who had lost loved ones in Europe. Yet here was a show, a musical yet, in which Kaufman said that war is the work of charlatans, politicians-(often the same) and millionaire businessmen, and can only be won by the truly

corrupt and self-interested. To establish his thesis, Kaufman sets up a cheese war between the United States and Switzerland and then allows all manner of financial and romantic blackmail to resolve it. It is here, I now firmly believe, rather than in the more widely-quoted "Of Thee I Sing," which Kaufman and the Gershwins wrote three years later, that you will find the first truly contemporary satirical musical.

Like "Of Thee 1 Sing," "Strike Up the Band" has an often unwieldy plot that develops in a series of frantie lurches. But like the better known score, this one also benefits from that curious fusion of the Gershwins' joyous, lyrical romanticism and Kaufman's sour, brilliantly acid despair at a nation that could regard politics as just one more commercial commodity on sale at bargain prices to the gullible by the greedy.

Massey as the big-cheese cheese mogul, Thornton, as a presidential sidekick unwilling to comment even on the weather until he has written his memoirs, Ruby as a predatory society matron, and Kelly as a spy of many parts all give vintage comic performances at the head of a cast that orings this soaring score joyously back to

Also at the Barbican, in the RSC's Pit stage, Max Stafford-Clark has a hugely inventive revival of Wycherley's "Country Wife," in from Stratford, one which gets us well away from the usual problem of what can seem a one-joke play about a rake who feigns impotence in order to calm the husbands he then cheerfully cuckolds.

Stafford-Clark suggests it is also about feminism, male bonding and a 1675 high society in terminal sexual and social conflict, and he has brought together a power-house cast led by Jeremy Northam, Abigail McKern and Robin Soans as a frenetically desperate Pinchwife. It has taken the Royal Shakespeare Company 30 years to get around to this classie of ill manners, but they have done it proud, even if the new songs do seem a little overeager to convince us of a topicality we always knew was

A Poisoned Chalice?

Lord Gowrie and the Arts Council

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

ONDON — There are those who believe that Alexander Patrick Greysteil Hore-Ruthven, otherwise the Earl of Gowrie, is drinking deep from what the Financial Times says could be a poisoned chalice. The job he took on, as of April I, is the chairmanship of the newly organized Arts Council of England, for live years.

The chalice might seem poisoned for any number of reasons. The left in Britain has complained for years that the Conservatives starved the arts, first by halting expansion in subsidies and then, last year. by actually cutting the Arts Council budget by \$5 million

In addition, over the past year, the Arts Council found itself mired in controversy, notably over an ill-considered plan to eliminate support for some London or-chestras. Complaints boiled up, the coun-cil backed down, and morale collapsed.

Perhaps partly as a result, Lord Pa-lumbo resigned as chairman and was replaced by Lord Gowrie. But as part of their decentralization campaign, the govern-ment split off the arts councils of Scotland and Wales. (The arts in Northern Ireland are under a different jurisdiction.)

The Arts Council of England's budgetary allotment from the secretary of state for heritage is \$300 million, which rather overshadows the \$36 million for Scotland and the \$20 million for Wales. Still, the position Gowrie has assumed has been diminished in more ways than one.

N 1985 he resigned from government because, he said then, his salary of \$50,000 as minister for the arts was insufficient. Although from a venerable Irish family, he does not have a personal fortune.

Gowrie then became chairman of Sotheby's E tope, however, and can now pre-sumably afford the unpaid post of Arts Council chairman. He also retained a number of positions as a paid consultant, for

which he has drawn opposition criticism. Gowrie, 54, brings an impressive background to his post, A graduate of Eton and Oxford, he has been a published poet and art critic, a teacher (and Robert Lowell's assistant at Harvard), an art dealer, direc-

tor of the Serpentine Gallery in London, provost of the Royal College of Ari, a director of the London Symphony and chairman of Andrew Lloyd Webber's

Really Useful Group.

He lists book-reviewing as a hobby and is married to Adelheid Gräfin von der

Schulenburg, a journalist whose father was executed by Hitler. He held several Conservative minor or shadow posts in the 1970s, including oppo-sition spokesman on economic affairs. In the 1980s, he was part of Margaret Thatch er's inner circle, called by some the "best brain" in her government.

Staunchly conservative in his political and economic views, he is open to the charge that he is too close to Tory power to champion alternative views.

But he has defended the council's political independence and denounced its budget cut as "an erratic decision," adding, "I deplore it." The cut was made by the man who named him Arts Council chairman, Peter Brooke, who was replaced as heritage secretary by Stephen Dorrell in July.

In Britain, elected officials have delegated arts subsidies to a supposedly indepen-dent body, meaning in theory that politicians won't interfere with artistic

When Gowrie was arts minister, he had to deal with the fallout from the public and political outcry over a Minimalist pile of bricks by the American sculptor Carl Andre that the Tate Gallery had acquired Vanguard arts polemics in London are still divided between conservatives and "brickies." Gowrie counts himself a brickie, though no particular fan of Andre's.

The new Arts Council chairman has publicly courted not only the two heritage secretaries under whom he has already served, but also the Labor Party's arts politicians. He has moved to restore confidence in the council by restructuring, which he concedes includes dismissals.

He has also named several distinguished Britons to places on the council itself, among them the theater director Trevor Nunn and the architect Richard Rogers, who is firmly linked with Labor.

He dismisses the view that the Tories have been hostile to the arts. "It's not true that the arts have been especially badly treated," he contended in an interview.



Ben Stein, right, with Jim Carrey in "The Mask": "I was trained by the best at sounding nasal and boring."

Actor's Niche: Exquisitely Boring

By Stephanie Dolgoff
New York Times Service

EW YORK - An actor's ego is a fragile flower, and most performers would wither if they heard themselves described, universally, as annoying drones. For Ben

Stein, it is a source of pride. "The truth is, inside this boring, bourgeois exterior, I'm really a churning mass of terror and exultation," deadpans Stein, 49, whose off-camera nasal voice is as devoid of intonation as the one heard in his numerous film cameos, television appearances and radio

needed a guy who was annoying. of Loki, the crowd tittered beand it was Ben all the way," says fore Stein uttered a sound. Mike Lobell, the producer of "Honeymoon in Vegas," who cast Stein as a airline passenger who holds up the ticketing line to get the best rate to his nephew's wedding, preventing Nico-las Cage's frantie character from

hightailing it to Hawaii.

Michael Chinich, now the head of casting for the director Ivan Reitman, gave Stein his breakthrough role as an ineffectual teacher in the 1986 film 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

While audiences may not know Stein's name, they recog-nize his face — and, of course, his whining voice. At a recent showing of "The Mask," in voice-overs. Stein has cornered the market on dull, to hilarious effect. "We

Stein's career is based on brief

"North," a fair-weather politician in last year's "Dave," a market researcher in a Wendy's commercial and a boring teacher on ABC's "Wonder Years."

Stein was an economist for the Department of Commerce in the late 1960s, was elected valedictorian at Yale Law School in 1970, and was a lawyer for the Federal Trade Comission shortly thereafter.

"Only a person who spent the first three years of his professional life as a bureaucrat in Washington can fully appreciate how great life is on the set. I was trained by the best at sounding nasal and boring."

"hippie-slash-teacher" of cinema at the University of Califorscenes: He played a museum cu-rator in the recent bomb was drawn back to Washington by the desire to help President Richard Nixon fend off what Stein describes as persecution.

Stein wrote speeches for the president, which led to a freelance writing career and to a gig as a columnist and editorial writer for The Wall Street Journal

Stein lives in Los Angeles writes for magazines including Barron's and The American Spectator, teaches law at Pepperdine University Law School in Malibu and has published 16 books, most recently "A License to Steal: The Untold Story of Michael Milken and the Conspiracy to Bilk the Nation.

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Off Season in Paris

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Summer theater in Paris replaces the city's national theaters that close for vacation. In the Crypte Sainte-Agnès under Saint Eustache Church in Les Halles, Jean Anouilh's "Thomas More" is playing. Here Sir Thomas More is about to be beheaded for judging that Henry VIII was wrong to separate the English Church from Rome.

A sparkling novelty, known as "Rue de la Gaîté Offenbach" (at the Théatre de la Madeleine) is just the thing for a Parisian summer evening. Michel Frantz has written the script and selected the numbers. He also plays the piano score and impersonates the composer. He and his quarter are remarkable in all they do from Offenbach's "La Belle Hélène" to the rarely revived, "Le Ro

Andre Roussin's pleasing comedy of the 1950s, "Bobosse," is back at the Théâtre de la Michodière. François Perier first took the part and played it for two years. Gérard Rinaldi of the Charlots band fits the role as a youngish man tortured by doubts and ever wondering what life holds for him.

"Les Palmes de M. Schutz" (at the Mathurins) is based on the early ventures in scientific research of the Curies and is done with friendly humor and sympathetic understanding.

Another summer piece is an adaptation of William D. Home's "The Secretary Bird" — in French, "Le Canard à l'orange," It is playing at the Theatre Daunou. The Home drawing-room piece, with a touch of London style, is less sweet than the two above.

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promises to run a straight election.

One of the losing candidates, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, has charged fraud. But before the election he had declared that any election would be self-evidently fraudulent, in his opinion, if it failed to elect him. In fact, the exit polls indicate that he

ran third, with about one-sixth of the vote. So after many years as a rather authoritarian one-party state, Mexico now appears to be in the process of moving cautiously but irrevocably toward democracy. Most Mexicans want to move toward greater democracy, but there are a lot of anxieties about the possibility that the

The party that has dominated Mexico's transition could turn violent. Memories of followed by the assassination of a presidential candidate in the spring. The people who voted for Mr. Zedillo seem to have been voting above all for stability.

Mr. Zedillo is known as an economist,

hut this era's great decisions of economic policy, to open Mexico to world markets, have already been made by his two predecessors. The job confronting him is likely to be dealing fairly and effectively with the social consequences. Free markets are efficient but are not necessarily just or gentle, especially in dealing with people who, like many Mexicans, are only beginning to move out of traditional peasant life.

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Burundi Needs Leadership

Nervous outsiders have for weeks looked for signs that Burundi would fol-low its neighbor Rwanda on a hloody slide into genocide. The two Central African countries have the same ethnic mix. roughly 85 percent Hutu, 15 percent Tutsi. The massacres in Rwanda that claimed up to 500,000 lives followed a suspicious air crash in April in which the Rwandan president, a Hutu, was killed. The same crash also killed Burundi's president, likewise a Hutu, resulting in political paralysis, sporadic killings and hairtrigger tension in a country rich in weapons. Yet oo comparable massacres have taken place since then in Burundi. What keeps it teetering oo the hrink?

For one thing, Burundi has already experienced a bloodbath, although the world paid too little attention. Between 50,000 and 200,000 people were killed there last fall after the first Hutu to be elected president was assassinated. Moreover, the people of Burundi seem traumatized, not only hy that bloodbath but by the chaotic upheaval oext door and the death of two presidents.

The uncertainty has affected political leaders, who have been unable to agree oo appointing a oew president. A selfimposed July deadline passed without action. The interim president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, a Hutu like his two pre-decessors, lacks anthority to speak for Burundi, where the Tutsi dominate the military. Responding to anxious interna-tional nudges, the factions in Bujumbura, the capital, say they will meet a new deadline late this month.

The United Nations has inconclusively discussed deployment of peacekeepers or international monitors to provide a reassuring presence. But not much can be done until the country's political parties agree on a new president. Nor can monitors alone offer any guarantee that Burundi will not succumh to ethnie massacres and large-scale displacement of peoples. The wholesale killings in Rwanda, in sad fact, occurred after years of peacemaking efforts by the United Nations and despite the wilnessing presence of UN blue helmets.

Burundi's destiny will be determined hy the people of Burundi. For oow, the best oews would he agreement on a new president and the formation of a broadhased government that can begin to lift a cloud of fear.

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Russians Who Used to Admire America Now Wonder

MOSCOW — After a few years' absence, I returned to Moscow recently and discovered something that surprised me greatly: a growing feeling of annoyance toward America.

Five years ago it seemed that we Russians were knocking on heaven's door. The rich American uncle promised us the keys and sent advisers to guide us. Now, as Russians see it, the advisers have left us with a mess while taking their handsome consulting fees back to the States. Some people believe we have become a playground for the American experts and their

world-class egos.

True, we can always reject their advice. But the international lenders are pushing it on us. Besides, it's always easier to blame someone else.

We do have professional America-haters, such as the rightwing Communists or the chau-vinist followers of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, but I am not talking about them. I am talking about

about them, I am talking about people who not long ago were warm toward the United States.

One of them is a friend, Boris Plujnesky, who works in nuclear disarmament. "They said they came here to make the world safer," he says of the United States' efforts to cut the Russian military. "Right Now we've got mastary. "Right. Now we've got mas-sive layoffs. Whole cities have

been wiped out economically.

"America, meanwhile, has the upper hand, plus a bigger slice of the world arms market — mayhe the only industry in which we could compete with them. Let's face it. Americans act only in their own interest."

That is a pattern that Russians are seeing, rightly or not, in a multitude of ways.

Some of us think, for example, that America is walking off with our best minds. Boris Bunkin, a highly respected academician, says American interests seem to spoon off the cream. "Their grants are a pittance by American standards but huge by our own." So our best scientists are

waiting in line to go.

"In Russia," says Nikolai
Krotov, head of a publishing
house in Moscow, "the pride factor is more important even than money." He points to the touchy area of foreign policy, the Balkans in particular. Serbia was a traditional ally,

like a brother. Yet now America

By Yelena Khanga

is trying to enforce its own solution without consulting Russia. How would they feel if there was a conflict on the Mexican border and Russia stepped in without

taiking to America?" Even the clergy grumble. They suffered through the lean Communist years. Now American evangelists march in and step on their corns. The Billy Grahams can afford lavish media campaigns. They rent whole stadiums and plaster ads on subways and television. The Russian clergy can't match those marketing blitzes, and they are miffed.

American foundations have become objects of suspicion. We hear that foundations are pouring in money. We are supposed to be grateful. But ordinary people don't see much of it, which suggests to them that it finds its way to somebody's pocket - American or Russian, and probably someone close to the trough.

All of this creates a situation in which small slights become large blows. Our veterans, for example, were deeply hurt that they were left out of the D-Day celebrations.

True, we were not directly involved in the Normandy landings. But the veterans feel that the United States was playing down their enormous sacrifices and their contribution to the Alhed victory, which for many is their last source of dignity. They ask: Weren't we Allies, too?

The older people are not hap-py that English is coming at them from all sides — advertisements, television shows, everything. They are deluged hy thirdrate terminator movies and soaps. And why, people ask, are we now bombarded with ads for cigarettes — something Ameri-cans themselves are fighting?

There are signs that such an-noyances are starting to feed an

atmosphere of paranoia. While I was there, for example, the FBI director, Louis Freeh, was in Moscow to launch a joint attack on organized crime with the Russian police. But at least one television reporter saw a more simister motive. Are the Yankees using the Russian underground, he asked, as an excuse to worm their

way into our law enforcement? America respects only its own law, he continued. America does whatever it wants. Look at what it did in Panama. Are we becoming a banana republic?

There is even talk that America was pulling strings in the as-sault on the Russian White House last fall by President Boris Yeltsin's forces. People noticed that CNN seemed to have consistently good camera angles, as if it knew what was coming, and that President Bill Clinton never actually denounced the

unconstitutional attack. I don't want to overstate the case. Lots of contradictory cur-

rents are running through my country right now. For many of us, America is still the land of the dream. Personally, I think a lot of the griping is off the wall.

But reason does not flourish when life goes from bad to worse, The growing annoyance is some thing that Americans should not write off. As they have seen in their own country, the negative in politics can be much more powerful than the positive.

There is a big irony in this, of course. During the Cold War, the bad feeling toward the United States came from the government. Now it is coming from the grass roots. America used to be our scapegoat because it was our "enemy." Now it is becoming one because it is our "friend."

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Among Young Elites, Pragmatism and Maturity

By Dominique Moïsi and Diana Pinto

MOSCOW — Can Russia really be summed up as a theater of Mafia crime, corruption, future Chernobyls and veiled aggression in the "near abroad"?

There is a deeper reality. Without fanfare, Russia's elites have undergone a crucial transition from ebullient adolescence to a more mature and stable identity rooted in-

creasingly in Russian tradition. We have witnessed this transformation through the lens of the Moscow School of Political Studies. Created little more than a year ago hy a dynamic Russian, Lena Nemirovskaia, with the support of the Council of Europe, West European foundations and enlightened Russian capitalists, this school, really a series of seminars, is now a centerpiece of intra-Russian dialogue. Designed to expose new young clites to Western models, it has become a popular place for Russia's young elites to net-

work" in informal surroundings.

A year ago (IHT, Aug. 31), when describing the school's initial impact, we emphasized the creation of a democratie spirit among young parliamentarians, officials, businessmen and journalists. These people were still fighting an ancien regime they were not sure they could defeat. This time the tensioo had ebbed. Pragmatism, cautious optimism and a sense of political legitimacy oow prevail. New problems and chal-lenges have arisen. Vladimir Zhirinovsky is generally seen less as a threat than as an

indicator that Russia needs a new moderate nationalist line to contain the country's "red-brown" tendencies. Alexander Solzhenitsyn is admired as a moral beacon, but one with little political relevance. Russia's new elites have other things in mind.

Capitalism now seems to be the collective passion of the elites - and of the masses, if one considers how many Russians invested in the murky MMM financial venture.

The concepts of democracy and freedom have not lost their attraction. But there is still no real understanding of the notion of democratic accountability, and the crucial counterweight of an independent judiciary is not yet firmly rooted. Russians are keen on importing Western democratic techniques (such as taxation systems), but they want to place them in a "Russian context." To these Westernized elites, Russia needs a political model that is more centralized and authoritarian than Western examples, but far more committed to human rights than, say, the Singapore approach. The model of the year is post-Franco Spain, with its pact of national solidarity and newly democratic officer corps.

Latin America is mentioned, too. Chile and Argentina fascinate liberal economists. Pessimists evoke Brazil, with its corruption, violence and high inflation (but the training and professionalism of Russia's elites and middle classes weaken that comparison). Russia has the human capital with which

to make the leap into pluralist modernity.
Foreign policy is clearly not a priority.
But those present in the school, mostly members of the Duma, want to join every possible international organization, from the Group of Seven to the European Union, these represents a refusal to be excluded. thms expressing a refusal to be excluded. They resent being humped in with far smaller nations also standing in line. As someone

said, "How can you compare us with the Czech Republic or even Poland?"

Despite their feeling of intrinsic superiority, the Russians acknowledge that countries like Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary are far ahead of them in economic and political terms. And they know that they share many of the negative characteristics of Balkan Europe: potentially explosive nationalism, fragmentation, ethnic violence. Still, these young Russians were willing to

engage in open, pluralist dialogue in a spirit of tolerance and modesty. Without such tolerance, democracy cannot flourish.

Russia's problems are far from over, But Moscow and other cities are returning to life. A new Russia with new rules and institutions is slowly surfacing. It may not be a Westernized democracy. But it is a dynamic and progressive country, and it is now pointed in the right direction. The West has a

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responsibility to keep it on course.

Sending Art Back Home

Just a few years ago it was nearly unheard of for museums to return contested treasures to a previous owner. But as a second major return this week shows, the balance has oow shifted. The Metropolitan Museum of Art shipped back to Tur- East European countries as once safe key a statue of Marsyas and the so-called churches and museums are targeted by the "Aphrodisias boy" just mooths after the celebrated return to the same country of the long-disputed Lydian Hoard.

We are not talking here about the kind of contested ownership that is claimed by, for instance, Greece against Britain for the Elgin Marbles, or Iraq for the Babylonian "Ishtar Gate" in Berlin. These objects were acquired by colonial regimes from now nonexistent imperial governments under then valid title in a different world. Those sorts of claims remain deeply problematic, oot just because recognizing them would empty half the museums of Europe but because it amounts to pretending that history didn't happen. (It also sets off a oever-ending spiral. Would Turkey, hav-ing elaimed its possessions from Europe and America, dismantle its own imperial collections in Istanbul?) The claims gaining legitimacy now are of a different, finite kind: objects stolen in recent years from oew excavations or badly guarded monuments, exported by unscrupulous dealers in defiance of the host countries' current laws. Technology has made this abuse incredibly rampant in recent decades, and dealers' indifference has fucled the rush.

Those who suffered were not just the nations now occupying the lands on which ancient civilizations rose and fell in the Middle East; looting oow threatens to decimate the cultural heritage of many unscrupulous. The loss is oot just to those countries, or to the scholars who study those cultures, but also to the museum goers and art patrons served by the results that scholarship. A looted object, its origin obscured, loses its context and nearly all hopes of decent identification.

The case that woke up dealers who buy without asking if an object was legitimately exported was the 1990 Indianapolis trial that found dealer Peg Goldberg liable (and out \$20 million) for rashly buying some Cypriot mosaics in Switzerland. The one that forced museums - and the mighty Metropolitan itself - to the same awareness was the Lydian one that met a fluky climax when a disputed mosaic proved to fit perfectly, jigsaw-fashion, with a piece that looters had left behind on the site when they ripped it away.

The precedent was important in law, but also psychologically. The Marsyas statue case is not so dramatic as either of these, hut it does not have to be. It underlines a point that has been made - to the great benefit of those who take scriously the perilous fortunes of precious art.

A Few Other Things Syria Might Do

... THE WASHINGTON POST.

Enter the Floating Waffle In the broad category of presidential

irritants, cartoons and cartoonists hold a special place. The late Richard Nixon had a thick hide when it came to written commentary, but the drawings of Herblock in The Washington Post seemed to launch him into an enemies-list frame of mind at warp speed. George Bush was known to hold an undying grudge toward Garry Trudeau for depicting him as an invisible man. Now Mr. Trudeau, in his "Doonesbury" strip, has concluded his announced plehiscité for a visual symbol, or "icon,"

for Bill Clinton. Monday's strip reported that by popular vote he would henceforth be embodied by a floating waffle.

It represents an interesting turn for Mr. Trudeau. During the campaign, he was disposed in a kindly way toward Mr. Clinton and sometimes jabbed his pen at critics of the candidate. What process of disenchantment led to this portrayal of the leader of the free world as a levitating cake? As they say in the cartoon husiness, words fail us.

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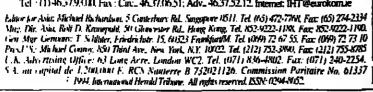
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By Jessica Mathews

WASHINGTON — Last year the National Trust for Historic Preservation put the entire state of Vermont oo its list of Most Endangered Places. The qualities that make the state special - compact, walkable cities and towns, unspoiled countryside and a near absence of suburbs and strip development - were in imminent danger, it said, from the newest engine of sprawl: the huge discount superstore and the regional outlet mall.

It is happening all over the United States, the trust says in a report whose pictures and text capture the best and worst of American democracy. Ugly, homogenizing development -Marts, Kmarts and the rest - that makes everyplace look like no place and derives a good part of its profits from shifting costs to others (especially local governments) is galloping across America.

NEW YORK — The Syrian government has kicked out

one terrorist but still has a full

warehouse of them left. That is

the real importance of the story

of Carlos the Jackal, now in a

Parisian jail, possibly recover-ing from the built-in hangover

he must have from lying around

drunk in Damascus for years.
If the Syrians ever decide they

want peace with Israel or hope

to get off the U.S. list of terror-

ist states, they will have to clean

out that warehouse and do a few

other things that are not getting

much attention right now.

The Syrians tried to buy a little

respectability by giving Carlos a

satchel of money and the door. He was too hot to keep much

longer in his apartment in a fash-ionable district of Damascus.

his killing of two French intelli-

gence agents in 1975, could drop

into town someday and pick him

off the streets. So Carlos was sent

on his way - first Yemen, then

Jordan (with an Iraqi passport)

and then Sudan, where the local dictatorship sensibly delivered him to the French.

That is the end for this Vene-

zuelan-born killer. But in Syria

now are at least nine Palestinian

terrorist groups that reject peace with Israel. With money from the

Arab world, they spent years murdering Israelis and Western-

ers, with special attention to

Americans. Also in Syrian safe

havens are assorted Japanese,

German and Kurdish terrorists.

ey and arms come mostly from

Iran - especially to Hezbollah,

in Lebanon, the best organized,

funded and armed terror group.

Nowadays the terrorists' mon-

The French, who never forgot

Misguided zoning and transportation policies are enabling these stores to do to small cities and towns what shopping centers did to the larger cities before them: to suck the life out of downtowns, destroy farm and rural land on the outskirts and clog the roads with the congestion that accompanies total auto dependence.

St. Albans, Vermont, is a typical example. A 150,000 square foot (14,000 square meter) store has been proposed for this town of 11,000. It would be plunked down two miles (3.2 kilometers) out of town (much too far to walk), on what is now farmland. If built true to form, the store would be a cheap, windowless box set amid a vast, flat, treeless expanse of concrete. Its 44 acres (18 hectares) would cover an area as large as St. Albans's present downtown.

By A. M. Rosenthal

With no protest from the world, Syria turned Lebanon into its

colony, where it permits Hezbol-

lah to operate. U.S. sources say

Syria could end the military ac-

tion of Hezbollah in Lebanon

Iran has become the world

center for anti-Jewish hatred.

With Iran's help, Hezbollah has

set up armed branches around

the world. The United States

and Israel believe that Hezbol-

lah suicide bombers carried out

the attacks on the Jewish center

in Buenos Aires and the Pana-

manian plane carrying promi-

Without the disarming of Hezbollah in Lebanon, Israel

would have to maintain its own

forces in southern Lebanon.

That would mean no peace

agreements between Israel and

But for Syria, disarming Hez-

bollah would not be cost-free.

Syria's enemies would no longer

have to fear that Damascus

could itself use the terrorists at

any moment. Iran would make

sure that Hezbollah had weap-

ons and money to kill abroad.

but Syria would face at least a

temporary break with Iran, now

And if the Syrians are seri-

ous about getting off the U.S.

terrorist list they might have to end the drug-growing and drug-running in Lebanoo that now enrich Syria's army and

officers. Who knows, the Unit-

ed States might even demand

that Syria stop working with

Iran in their multibillion-dollar

its only important friend.

either Syria or Lebanon.

nent Jews.

with a snap of its fingers.

If successful, the superstore would generate 9,000 automobile cal government tries to fix it. But trips daily and new strip develop-ment. Needed economie growth, yes, but much of its sales would owned stores, many of which would close. Most of the superstore's profits would go to its corporate headquarters elsewhere. One-, two- and five-acre zoning

Committed Citizens Could Start to Reverse the Malling of America

does not preserve open land as originally intended. Instead it produces a chopped-up countryside of parcels that are "too big to mow and too small to plow.

Rules that forbid mixing residential and commercial uses mean that no one can walk to buy a carton of milk, much less to work. and that the number and miles of automobile trips will climh inexorably. In the 1980s, the number of vehicle miles traveled in the Unit-

counterfeiting of U.S. currency.

There are a couple of other

items to straighten out. One is Syria's role in the destruction of Pan Am 103 in 1988. The other

Carlos killed about 80 people

Alois Brunner, deputy to Adolf

Eichmann, killed or dispatched

to their death about 128,000

Jews. That is the figure of Simon

Wiesenthal and the Simon Wie-

For at least 30 years Herr Brunner lived in Syria, safe and

glowingly prosperous. The Syri-

an government says: Brunner

who? Bramer Fisher is who. He

lived in Damascus mostly under

the name of Georg Fisher. He

worked for assorted arms dealers

and Syrian intelligence. He was last spotted at his Damascus resi-

dence, 7 me Haddad, in 1991.

Is he still alive? If dead, how

did he live so long, so cozy in Damascus? Israel's ambassador

to Washington, Itamar Rabino-

vich, a specialist on Syria, wrote

to the Wiesenthal Center on

Dec. 30, 1993, the day he re-

ceived the center's letter asking

about the Brunner case in the

negotiations with Syria. Israel,

he said, was still working on

"core" issues with Syria. But he

promised that the Brunner issue

would be addressed "at the right

time," and added the emphasis

The center also wrote to Pres-

ident Bill Clinton on Dec. 30. In

the eight months since then the

United States has been most ac-

tive in the Syria-Israel talks.

But, the center said, it has re-

ceived no reply from Washing-

The New York Times.

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senthal Center of Los Angeles.

is the Brunner matter.

ed States grew four times faster analysis which showed that a than population did. As congestion worsens, the lo-

state transportation agencies will only help pay for roads built according to their standards - very straight as possible. The standards dictate roads that are great for cars but bad for people and devastating for neighborhoods.

Few states have land-use planning laws. Without them, residential developers can build pretty much where they like, which means on the cheapest land far-thest from downtowns. These sprawling suburbs are the most expensive of all types of development to service with water, sewers, schools and transport, which means higher property taxes for the whole jurisdiction.

Because they are auto-dependent (nothing else works at such low densities), congestion and air pollution follow. With more people living farther and farther from downtown, commercial development concentrates on the suburban strips, and the stores on Main Street begin to close.

No one ever planned it this way, but the result, says the trust, is this: "It is against the law in much of America to build tightly knit communities that people love - places they feature on Christmas cards ... and visit by the millions."

Citizens are starting to fight back, with some success. Among photographs that are painful to look at, the trust's report also describes how some communities organized to stop mall sprawl. A handful of determined ordi-

nary citizens is usually the key. In one town, such a group commis-sioned an independent economic

store's claimed gain of 177 jobs and \$7 million in taxes dwindled to a net of eight jobs and \$34,000 when the loss of existing businesses was counted.

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Other communities chose to acterms. Some insisted on a smaller store, more appropriate to their town's scale. Others forced developers to use an existing building, or even to put the superstore downtown, where walkers and transit riders could use it. The most successful weapon is a commitment to revitalize downtown.

One town found financing to restore and refurbish existing buildings, put in benches, lights and plantings and even installed a "snowmelt" system of huried water pipes heated by waste heat from its local power plant so shoppers could stroll on dry and clear sidewalks.

Superstore-driven development means that smaller cities and towns across the country are quickly becoming miniature versions of Los Angeles, where so much of the land area is devoted to the use of cars, or of Houston, which boasts 30 parking spaces per resident.

Instead, they can recognize the iron link between zoning pol-icies, patterns of development and transportation, and choose to make the automobile serve the needs of people and community rather than vice versa. Superstore-driven sprawl has a

big head start, but its further spread, says the National Trust, is not a foregone conclusion.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Bomb in Caracas NEW YORK - A despatch from

Caracas to the Herald states that a deliberate attempt to murder General Crespo, President of Venezuela, was made yesterday [Aug. 22]. An unknown man threw a bomb at the President as he was passing along the street, but fortunately the fuse failed to act and the infernal machine did not explode. The would-be murderer was arrested.

1919: Against Profiteers

NEW YORK -- Congress took the first step in legislating against the high cost of living when the House passed the Anti-Profiteering Bill. The bill brings the retail profiteer in food, clothing or other necessities within the reach of Federal prosecution, making him liable to a \$5,000 fine and two years' imprisonment.

1944: Pushing to Paris

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS Allied Expeditionary Force -

[From our New York edition:] American armor hammered out fresh gains south and southeast of Paris today [Aug. 23], while to the northwest of the capital - now fully in control of French patriots - Americans and Canadians claimed a lightning stranglehold on remnants of the German army still below the River Seine. Allied fighters and fighter bombers harried the Germans' frantic efforts

to withdraw across the river. The latest advance south of Paris saw armored reconnaissance units drive more than fifteen miles cast of Sens, while others passed through Corbeil Truckloads of prisoners streamed back in the wake of the advance, but there was not a single smoldering enemy vehicle to indicate the enemy had put up a determined fight.

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton won a needed victory Sunday when the House of Representatives passed the crime bill: Significantly, he was able to reverse the stunning setback suffered 10 days earlier. back suffered 10 days earlier, budget expert who knew Mr. when the bill was blocked on a Panetta well from the days procedural vote, by reaching out to Republicans.

For the first time, the Clinton administration did its domestic policy-making on a genuinely bipartisan basis. That pattern offers its best hope of salvaging something, not just on health care legislation in September, but on the president's agenda in 1995 and 1996 as well.

Remember that at the ontset of his term. Mr. Clinton accepted the advice of top congressional Democrats that, despite his 43 percent plurality win and the House Republicans, 40 years in loss of 10 House seats, his do-the minority, over their excluloss of 10 House seats, his domestic agenda could be passed simply by mobilizing the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate. Last year's budget and economic plan were passed over unanimous Republican opposition. Smaller domestic measures also went through on large-ly party-line votes. Republicans strongly supported Mr. Clinton on the North American Free Trade Agreement but most Democrats - including two of the three top leaders in both the House and Senate - did not.

This time, it was genuinely bipartisan. At the news conference following the 235-195 pas-sage of the crime bill, the Democratic leadership was surrounded by a dozen Republicans. They had made major contributions to rewriting the bill after the House on Aug. 11 rejected the procedural vote to call up the bill, 225-210.

On that vote, 58 Democrats - mainly opponents of the assault-weapons ban -- opposed Mr. Clinton, and only 11 Republicans (mostly Northern suburbanites) crossed lines to

support bringing up the bill. Mr. Clinton took his case to the public, but shifted few votes. He tried wooing recalcitrant Democrats in private, but won over only three of them, On the key vote Sunday, 55 Democrats still opposed the president. What made the dif-ference was that this time 42 Republicans, almost four times

and telling his congressional allies he wanted them engaged in the talks as well. Mr. Clinton. refused to compromise on the bill's assault-weapons ban, but approved major concessions in other areas and a reduction in

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its overall spending targets. The president found a familiar Republican negotiating partner in Mike Castle, a former Delaware governor who is now a freshman member of the House. When Mr. Clinton was governor of Arkansas, he and Mr. Castle represented the National Governors Association in dealing with Congress on welfare issues. They started the crime talks with a basis of trust.

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Reviewed by Carolyn See

N all the furor over Bret Eas-ton Ellis's last novel, "Amer-

ican Psycho," people have lost sight of the fact that this enfant

terrible is actually an extremely

traditional and very serious

American novelist. He is a mod-

el of literary filial piety, count-

ing among his parents Ernest

Hemingway (portentous prose with a disinclination to use con-

tractions), F. Scott Fitzgerald

(the cult of youth, where life ends around 35 and is unbear-able before 35), Nathanael

West (a strong taste for the lu-

rid and grotesque) and Joan Di-

dion (the perfect set of words

for describing female emotional

He shares two other charac-

teristics with the above-men-

tioned four: a ravaging depres-

sion that borders on the

pathological, and a strong sense

of moral outrage. All of these

writers are furious prophets in

their American wilderness; all

of their novels are to some ex-

Ellis's work is American in another archetypal, almost Dreiserian way, His characters, mostly well-educated, despair-

ing youths, have been pam-pered, pushed, educated to that

critical point where their sensi-

bilities are so well developed

that they take a look at the

generation from which they

sprang and discover that they no longer inhabit the same so-

tent jeremiads.

and physical paralysis).

By David S. Broder

The other key negotiator for the Republicans was Representative John Kasich of Ohio, a when Mr. Panetta headed the House Budget Committee.

Both Mr. Castle and Mr. Kasich had opposed Mr. Clinton on the first vote, and their willingness to enter the negotiations was criticized by many Republicans But, significantly, Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the minority whip, encouraged the talks, even while withholding his own support of the final product.

Few people outside Washing-ton realize the frustration of sion from substantive policymaking. Occasionally, on some issues in some committees, their ideas get serious consideration, but rarely can they influence the shape of a bill on the House floor. Here, they found themselves dealing directly with the leaders of the opposition party and the White House on major

legislation. It was heady stuff.
"In the states," Mr. Castle told me later, "you get past par-tisanship and into governing pretty quickly. Here in Wash-ington, if you're part of the minority, you are rarely allowed to contribute to governing."

In the same interview, Mr. Kasich said, "This is the first real gut-wrenching effort both sides have made to govern from the middle. There will be no going back." After November. when Republicans are expected to make gains in both the House and Senate, Mr. Clinton will have no choice but to approach more issues on a bipartisan ba-sis, Mr. Kasich said.

The House Democratic whip, David Bonior of Michigan, who is as liberal as Mr. Kasich is conservative, agrees. "We're en-tering a new era," he said, "and after the election, we'll need a less rancorous House."

It is too soon to say that Mr. Clinton will reach out regularly to Republicans as he struggles to salvage his presidency. But the House crime bill vote certainly signals that the possibility is open to him.



tion of Paris.

However, may I point out that AMGOT does not stand

for American Military Govern-

ment but for Allied Military

was OETA, the Occupied Ene-

prepared to spend billions to prepare for a cataclysmic con-

flict. Nuclear holocaust no long-

er haunts us, yet genocidal tribal

conflicts threaten millions of

people. Some part of the "peace

dividends" should be employed

MAHMOOD ELAHL

Ottawa.

to prevent these conflicts.

Compared to Whom?

Regarding "Convert Haitian

JOSEPH N. SHAMA.

Monte Carlo.

The superpowers, at the left shoulder toward the right height of the Cold War, were hip. Now, why is that?

my Territory Administration.

Government of Occupied Terri-

Small Cost for Survival

Regarding "Do We Really Need to Start Bracing?" (Opin-ion, Aug. 6) by William Pfaff:

It is extraordinary that a modern commentator like Mr. Pfaff should adopt so fatalistic an approach about the possibility of finding an asteroid or comet aimed at Earth.

Presumably the dinosaurs, 65 million years ago, lacked the technology to save themselves, We have the technology. In the extremely unlikely event that such a celestial invader is discovered in the next few decades, I hope and trust that few would share Mr. Pfaff's view that we should passively accept the de-

struction of our civilization. Mr. Pfaff seems to believe that it is easy to discover threatening asteroids and comets. He wonders why existing telescopes can't be used to find them and as many as on the first round, points out that the comet that voted with Mr. Clinton. recently struck Inpiter was
He got them by sending the found "by amateurs using their White House chief of staff, own equipment." In fact, the Leon Panetta, into serious ne- comet designated Shoemakergotiations with the Republicans Levy 9 was discovered as part of ence Institute in Tucson and edia project funded (modestly) by NASA for two decades, led by

> Dr. Eugene Shoemaker. Dr. Shoemaker, far from being an amateur, is a widely respected geologist who has held such important posts as chair-man of the Division of Geological Sciences at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. The comet discovery was made by Dr. Shoemaker, his wife, Carolyn, and their asso-ciate David Levy (who is, in-deed, an amateur and was working as an unpaid volunteer on the project) at the Palomar

> Observatory in California. Although the Schmidt telescope they were using is not as arge as Palomar's famous 200inch Hale telescope, it is hardly amateur equipment.

As it happens, existing tele-scopes cannot be used to search effectively for cosmic impactors. Nearly all large telescopes are designed to peer intently at very tiny patches of sky, to study distant quasars, galaxies,

cial class. Their parents appear

to be incontrovertibly odious

fools. And precisely because

they are so low and thick, their

children grow up to be unloved,

angry orphans who turn their anger into justified vice and

It could be argued that the author thinks the whole world

stinks. But to dismiss Ellis as an

ungrateful child or an unattrac-

tively aging brat is to miss the

Most of us have not stabbed

kidnapped boy to death in a

bathtub, but we do live in a

world where that happens.

Most of us have not sent our

sexual partners to the hospital

as a result of erotic frenzy, but

we probably know someone who has. Most of us have not

etc. Contrary to popular perception, very few astronomers "scan the skies." The few that do, including the Shoemakers, use so-called wide-field telescopes of very different design. But existing telescopes of that design are rather small; they are incapable of finding more than

a small fraction of the threatening objects. If a comet or asteroid is headed earthward and due to strike during the next century, we would most likely not know it - until the catastrophic explosion happened.

Larger telescopes, of specialized design analogous to the Palomar Schmidt, could do the job

in the next 20 years. But they don't exist today at the world's astronomical observatories. They must be built. And that will cost money. Is it worth \$50 million, plus operating costs, to find most of the civilizationthreatening objects that could do us in? That is the question.

CLARK R. CHAPMAN. Tucson, Arizona. The writer is a planetary scien-tist at the SAIC Planetary Sciof the Journal of Geo Research --- Planets.

William Pfaff's comments on the eagerness of Congress to spend \$50 million on a cometwatching project raises a question: Is there intelligent life on Capitol Hill?

RICK BENGE.

Better to Ignore Him

troversial, and of course Jews and not Jews alone - have a right to be offended, but there is little point in encouraging such hudicrous proposals as for Israel to break off its newly established diolomatic ties with the Vatican (Letters, Aug. 19).

destroyed our lives with drugs, but, again, we know some folks

who have. Ellis has picked that

part of the world to write about.

This is not a real "novel" but the by-now-traditional set of a

baker's dozen of short stories.

The body count is high in these

tales: In 226 pages about 10 people die. They die in car accidents, they overdose, their arms get hacked off, their blood is

drained by enthusiastic vam-

pires who live in the San Fer-

nando Valley, their throats get

slit, they're shot in the head and

skinned, and of course that un-

fortunate little boy is nabbed in

a shopping mall, fearsomely so-

domized by a vile sociopath and

then stabbed by another guy who's just hanging out at the same apartment. These stories

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Vienna.

Regarding "Yes, the Pope Has Done a Bad Thing" (Opinion, Aug. 15) by A. M. Rosenthal: It is, I believe, a "bad thing" you are doing in continuing to give space to the award to Kurt Waldheim of a papal honor.

Of course the award was con-Far more scrious than the

Regarding "From the Liberation of Paris, Potent Myth of national Unity Arose" (Aug. 22) by Joseph Fitchett:

are set in L.A., and who are we

to argue that this is not the way

Violence, drugs and degrada-tion have become institutional-

ized, popularized, sanctioned, validated by our popular enter-

tainment. These are not isolated

events, Ellis insists. If they hap-

pen to one of us, they happen to

all of us. This is the world of the

nightly news, and that news

must come from somewhere.

There's no point in telling Bret

Easton Ellis to cheer up. He

knows the country is going to hell in a handbasket, and he

Carolyn See reviews books

regularly for The Washington

have a point.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waldheim question is the matter raised by Jim Hoagland in chett's article, which gave a very So Mr. Wilson rates Fathe "Rome Shouldn't Be Allied balanced account of the libera-Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the With Iran and Libya" (Aug. 22). I am a Papal Knight myself.

If someone wishes to call for a review of the way in which papal honors are awarded, that is perfectly legitimate. Government of Occupied Terri-But the objective of such pro-tory? The sister organization

posals should be constructive, avoiding misunderstandings of the kind that the Waldheim award has unfortunately created. Nothing should detract from the improving Catholic-Jewish Prevent the Massacres relations, for which so many have worked so hard for so long. SIGMUND STERNBERG,

International Council Of Christians and Jews.

Odd Sort of Democracy

Regarding "Mexico's Ruling Party Would Do Better to Lose" (Opinion, Aug. 18):

Stanley A. Weiss's suggestion to the PRI, Mexico's governing party, that it rig itself a loss for the recent elections was bizarre to say the least. If the PRI wins Refugees Into Police" (Opinion, the election with the clear sur port of a majority of Mexicans as now appears likely, how could it possibly serve the interests of justice, democracy or indeed stability to deny the authenticity of this vote?

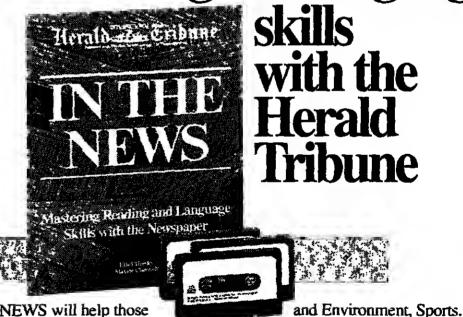
SAMANTHA K. SPARKS. Mexico City.

In North's Self-Defense

Although Oliver North's rejection for a gun permit on the ground that he is "not of good character" seems in no way to tarnish his potential as a U.S. senator, perhaps his skewed belief that a concealed pistol will protect him from Abu Nidal ought to give his prospective constituents pause.

LAUREL HIRSCH.

Allied, Not American



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digital life. I am from a numeritimely addition to the extensive cally simple background. I was born the second child of two parents with nothing more than and highly esteemed collection of personal ID numbers that I

Take a Number, Please,

And Another and ...

By Ellen Goodman

just been handed another num-

ber. This four-digit beauty is a

MEANWHILE

to add, is different from my

health care plan number, which

I memorized in case I'm carried

into a strange emergency room

bleeding from the head.

ing my voice mail number.

Alexander Graham Bell.

different voice mail number.

I also have a Social Security

number, hut you guessed that.

This number is - hless you, Registry of Motor Vehicles -

the same as my license number.

I have not one but five frequent

flier numbers which I use in

conjunction with my VISA,

press numbers.

you hack from any phone booth. This number is long.

So Mr. Wilson rates Father

Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the

ousted Hairian leader, as low on

Curious in Luxembourg

I have a question concerning

men's neckties - striped ties to

be exact. I have noticed that on

American ties the stripes run

from the right shoulder toward

the left hip and on British and

other European ties, from the

A Question of Control

On the same day that I read

about the airliner that crashed

while the pilot and co-pilot

were fighting over who was to control it, I read about the be-

ginning of the baseball strike in

America. Why do I feel that

MICHAEL KALK.

Chicago.

these two events are related?

ROBERT W. SMART.

Luxembourg.

Lausanne, Switzerland.

ROD MILLER.

humanitarianism? Hmmm.

its very own.

am happy to call my own.

By merely pressing these handsome new little numbers a birth date to call my own. As a grade school child. I on an electronic pad, f can make the security gate lift. Then I can drive my car with its des-

shared one telephone number with three people. At 17, I got an SAT number which was, I hasten to add, not very impressive in the math department.

But sometime during the last decade, the entire industrialignated license plate number ized, computerized world has been subject to a numerical ex-plosion that dwarfs the populaonto the office parking lot that sits on a ZIP code number of tion explosion. In America, the I can even gain entrance to the huilding where I have been assigned an employee number. My employee number, I hasten average middle-class citizen has more numbers to call her own than cousins.

Moreover, every friend on my Rolodex, every husiness card that passes my hands, carries a list of numbers for the faxes, computers, beepers and phones that litter offices.

homes, cars and pockets.

Clearly the identity crisis that By the way, I can be reached this office by a telephone once plagued America has been number with an area code numreplaced by the new ID crisis. It's 3 A.M., you're broke, and do you know what your ATM ber or, if you prefer, a fax number. If you fail to reach me and get a recording, I can retrieve number is? Have you confused your message merely hy activatit with your cholesterol numhave an AT&T credit card ber? Your shoe size? Your IQ? number which I can use to call

And by the way, somewhere in this mathematical mess shouldn't there be a lucky number? May I play it?

How long? Well, I can use it to It seems that with the energy call a foreign country or to write a hrief libretto in memory of it takes to store and remember the codes that track our lives, millions of numerically chal-On the way home, I can get cash from a bank machine hy lenged Americans could figure employing my ATM number. out black holes and top quarks. can then enter my house with-This is especially true for those out setting off the alarm, hy of us who have reached an age when we have enough trouble pushing the alarm code, Once in, I can check the messages on remembering names. my home phone by dialing a

The dirty little secret of mod-ern life is that every technological advance and every so-called convenience comes with the curse called complication. In this case the complication is multiplication and it's happening so quickly that pretty soon we'll need a master number to access all the numbers.

No, no, not to worry, I have MasterCard or American Exnot become a number in an in-If you want to know how creasingly impersonal world. many other crucial digits are It's worse than that. I've becompeting for room in the limcome dozens of numbers. ited storage space of my brain's

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Announces Over Radio

Will Fight Hungary

For Transylvania

Moscow Asserts Germans

Are Shooting Down

Retreating Romanians

LONDON, Aug. 24 (Thursday).

hat she was switchlog from the

Axis to the Allled side in the war,

que reported that shooting had broken out between retreating

Romanian and Nazi soldiers on

offered by the Soviet Union, Great

he Romanians, ordered by King

Michael to cease hostilities against

cadcast from Bucharest The carly morning broadcast

blocking their withdrawal.

The King's Proclamation

A proclamation by twenty-two-

several places."

mania announced last night

Romania Joins Allies, Turns Guns on Germans; Paris Frees Itself, U.S.-French Troops Sent In; Marseille and Grenoble Fall, Nazi Rout Grows

In4-Day Fight Patriots' Chief Rushes to Bradley With the News;

Rise on Call of Resistance Chiefs, Drive Off Nazis and Vichy's Officials

By Eric Hewkins

From the Bereil Tribane Sureng Copyright, 1944, New York Tribene Inc. LONDON, Aug. 23,-Paris has the resistance forces routed the the city's principal buildings. It is in Paris. The people of Paris had Fewer than 3,000 Germans were below the River Selne. the first Allied continental capital to be wrested from the Germans. Announcing the liberation of heavy across the city after fifty months of German occupation and tyrany, a french Hospital to other parts of the city and it was not until 7:32 that French tanks Paris and armored reconnaissance not until 7:32 that French tanks Paris and armored reconnaissance of the city and it was not until 7:32 that French tanks Paris and armored reconnaissance of the city and it was not until 7:32 that French tanks Paris and armored reconnaissance of the city and t by General Joseph Pierre Koenig, commander of the French Forces

last Saturday. The great mass of Paris patriots went into action, the comsaid, when a general insurrection in the capital and the Paris region was ordered by the resistance leaders in France, in agreement with a representative of General Charles de Gaulle's provisional

Police Scire Prefecture possession of the Prefecture of Po-ering from a broken leg.

they were broadening their sweep as they preseed on, it was stated It was thought probable that the decrete S. Patton's fast movies forces extended to the outer environs of Paris at points north o

The news of the freeing of Paris was first broadcast by a radio station near Paris which presumably had been seized by the patriots. This was followed by a trium phant broadcast from Algiers accompanied by "Le Marseillaise and the announcement that gun salvos, church bells and street parades were to celebrate the even during the day.

Koenir's Communique General Koenig's communique followed early this afternoon.

"On Saturday Aug. 19 in th morning the National Council of the Resistance and Paris Committee of Liberation, in agreemen with the national delegates and representatives of the provisioos government of the French Repub (Continued on page 4, column 2)

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Battles in Rue de Rivoli, It was the people of Paris who at Bastille, Concorde; won back their city. It all hap-Koenig Expected Today The American Army was occupled with the drive through Evreux to the mouth of the Seine

He Orders Troops In

By Charles Collingwood

Columbia Broadcasting System Correspondent

PARIS. Aug. 23 1By Radio via

Yesterday: a . Frenchman burst four days' fighting in which sev—the chief of the Forces of the In—from France's greatest port and northwest of the capital—new full citizens and 50,000 armed men of gering, incredible story to tell.

the resistance forces roughed the Nazi garrison troops and occupied armistice with the German forces in Port St. Nicolas.

Partisans Can Arrive

By Homer Bigart By Wireless to the Hereld Tribuac

Copyright, 1944, New York Tribune Inc. AIX-EN-PROVENCE, Prance. Aug. 22 (delayed: -Rear Admiral row alley, while thousands of spec-Karl Eyerich entered a private tators whistled and hooted. room of the surgical pavillon at a German marine hospital near here ot 3 p. m. Sunday and gravely laid his sword on a cot where a cap-The Paris police, who had been tured radio operator-gunner of an on strike for nearly a week, took American bomber crew lay recov-

lice on the Ila de la Cite, which Although the Americans had oot broke, while other patriot forces would break toto the hospital and bled for four years, entered Marseized all public buildings, accord-harm 300 German patients and his selile as liberators today. ing to the communique, which staff of seven doctors and twenty-added that representatives of the eight ourses.

Paris People Story From Paris: French Enter Americans A British Haul of Prisoners From the Normandy Pocket King Michael FreeOwnCity To Withdraw Army Marseille in Drive On East Breaks Ties CirclingMove For Germany

Great Port Is Captured Push From Sens Opposed With Little Resistance; by Planes Only, Border Snipers Are Mopped Up Now 150 Miles Away

London) .- The 2d French Armored Turned Into a Fort heat down the motley, terrified In Toulon Fighting Rages in Normandy
German troops who had garrisoned

From Forces at Sens

(Continued on page 4, column 5) believed to be besieged in the Aliled fighters and fighter

ture, releasing scores of political prisoners. They had rounded up several hundred Germans. I saw four Partisans leading forty Germans at rifle-point down a nar-

Americans Raseh Grenoble

By Russell Hill By Wireless to the Herold Telbusa Departuhi, 1344, New York Telbusa Inc. ROME, Aug. 23.—General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's French corps, tasting at last the sweet was transformed into a fortress yet captured Aix, Admiral Eyerich fruits of victory for which they against which German attacks said he feared French Partisans have waited hoped, prepared and

This great news followed the With their bridgehead over the You must go out and find Ameri- mile drive north through the Alpes Seine near Mantes. American cans and bring them here quickly." de Provence had reached Granoble. forces were thirty miles west of The sergeant, a tall, slight youth for two years the greatest center the capital, while to the southeast from Cleveland, codded weakly, of the French resistance move-(Continued on page 8, column 2) | (Continued on page 2, column 5)

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ench battle with Nazis for his forts around Toulon. Page 3 Tench in New York cheer Paris fall at big meeting. Page 4
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Major Eliot ... 17 Food In Short 17 Society ... Bridge Webster

Prefecture of Police Division entered Paris today after Fresh Gains Made Annihilation Battle

Patch's Army in 100-Mile Evreux Seized in Thrust Bash, Is Only 230 Miles, From South; 3d Army Fighting South of Paris

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS. Allied Expeditionary Porce. Aug. into Lieutenant General Omar A. Prench troops entered Marseille in out fresh gains south and south Bradley's headquarters. He was briumph this morning, receiving east of Paris today, while to the thundered the heavy guns of the Americans and Canadians elaimed He said he had concluded an German garrison still holding out a tightening stranglehold on rem-

American Patient rumbled down the famed Rue units drive more than fluere miles east of Sens, while others passed

> Erreux Is Captured lower reaches of the Seine was Evreux, which the American freed, while a parallel American advance neared Conclus, farther west. Resistance everywhere was light, except where the Germans slowed the Canadian advance i the forty-fire-by-thirly-mile pocket by blocking further bridgeheads

across the Toques River. IA Belgian communique said Beigian troops fighting beside the Alles had advanced twelve miles along the Channel coast, overcom- zil by a group of army officers who Presidential candidate. ing stiff resistance as they fanned opposed his foreign policy on the Ax one important more in the out above Deauville, and infileting armind that it established too effort to clear the Ray for a politiheavy losses on the Germans.

spondent, who watched American persons who have arrived here bi-partisan group of Foreign Retanks driva fifteen miles east of from Rio de Janeiro. Sens to within 150 miles of the the Germans were rallying.

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Army Officers Persoure of President Vargas Blamed; Called SevereBluw in U.S.

By Joseph Newman resign as Foreign Minuter of Bra. Thomas E. Dewey, Republicar armind that it established too effort to clear the way for a politi-close relations with the United cal eampaign minus bitter clear-close relations with the United cal eampaign minus bitter clear-length relations with the United cal eampaign minus bitter clear-close relations with the United cal eampaign minus bitter clear-The main battle for Prance is States and blocked Brazilian ercog- acc over formen policy, it was announcement carrier in the day Boyle, Associated Press corre-ment, according to well informed Secretary of State, had invited the

They reported that on Aug. It confer wit I him at 10 a.m. Friday German border with no sign that Aranha was named vice-president so he can tell them of the proof the Society of Friends of credities up to date of the "Big Truckloads of prisoners streamed America, an organization for the Three conference at Dumbarton back in the wake of the American pruniction of cluser relations be- Oaks. advance, but there was not a sin-tween Brazil and the other Ameri- This action, which was also dedetermined fight, said his dis-licationarters of the society, of final distillation of the riews of the Ploest of

District Court to Lincoln, Neb. He

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In the last days of August, as the
Allies approached the city, the unarmed
population of Paris – reinforced by a small
number of armed resistance fighters – rose
against the occupying German forces. In four



days of street battles and general insurrection, Paris was liberated. To commemorate these dramatic days, the International Herald Tribune is reproducing the six front pages from the New York Herald Tribune chronicling the week of August 22 through 27, 1944.

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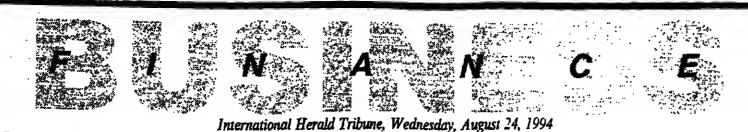
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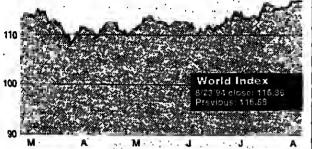


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Services	122.50	122.14	+0.29	Miscellaneous	132.65	133.38	-0.55

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Car Sales In Europe Look Up

Industry Differs With VW Outlook

FRANKFURT -- Investors rushed to sell German car manufacturers' shares Tuesday after the chairman of Europe's largest carmaker, Volkswagen AG, said he expected West European sales to stagnate this year.

But while share analysts agreed with a further forecast by Ferdinand Piech that German car orders would slow in the final six months of the year, they were puzzled by his gloomy outlook for the European market as a wbole.

"Piēch's comment on Western Europe does not match our expectations," said Gerd Schu-bert, industry analyst at Deutsche Girozentrale. He said that analysts tended to agree more with the German car industry association's outlook.

The industry association, VDA, expects growth in West European car sales in the second half of the year, excluding Germany, to substantially remain at the 7 percent to 8 percent rate of the first six months.

The VDA forecast is more in line with what we're saying," said an industry analyst with brokers James Capel in London.

"James Capel expects West European car sales including Germany to rise by 5.3 percent this year and by 5.8 percent next year," the analyst said. DB Research analyst Jürgen

Melzner said car sales were expected to rise by 4.0 percent this year in Western Europe, He said sales growth would flatten to around 0.4 percent in

the last five months of this year after rising by 6.6 percent in the first seven months. Both he and the James Capel analyst said financial incentives

offered to customers to scrap older cars in France and Spain had boosted demand in the first

A Holy Alliance in Russia **Orthodox Church Joins Bottling Venture**

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

KOSTROMA, Russia - In earlier times, it might have been considered an unboly alliance, but the Russian Orthodox Church is working with a California businessman in a joint venture to bottle natural water from the Saint Springs for sale in Russia and soon the United States.

"New times," explained Archbishop Alexander as he briskly led an inspection tour of the bottling plant. The archbishop, who led the effort to turn the output of the church's spring into Russia's only domestically bottled still water, said he expected to turn a profit this fall.

"We need a lot of money to restore what was lost," he said, referring to seven decades of Communist persecution of the church. "Donations just are not enough."

Saint Springs Water Co. is the church's first commercial undertaking since before the Bol-shevik Revolution in 1917. And it is the first venture that the insular, hierarchical patriarchate has entered with a foreign partner.

In contrast to most joint ventures in Russia, both sides seem content. The church, which is trying to reclaim and restore proper-ty confiscated under communism, acquired a potentially abundant source of revenue without putting up any money of its own.

And John V. R. King, a retired plastics manufacturer from Lake Arrowhead, California, got a resourceful and well-connected Russian partner.

Mr. King said the archbishop's office had cut through red tape, wheedled concessions from local authorities and even won some tax breaks. When government officials told him he would have to provide housing and a food store for his 30 employees, Mr. King turned to

the archbishop.

"Basically, he said, 'We'll take care of it,'
and he did," Mr. King said.
In July, Patriarch Alexei II went to Kostroma to bless the venture and gamely pressed the button for the maiden journey of bottles down the conveyor belt.

The church does not contend that the water can produce miracles, but it does try to appeal to a certain consciousness. As the archbishop put it, "It is an ecologically clean product."

Nonsparkling bottled water is still a delicacy for ordinary Russians, Saint Springs, which is sold in the Metropol Hotel in Moscow, in the Grand Hotel Europa in St. Petersburg and in hard-currency shops, is mainly sold to tourists and Western business people who fear Russian tap water. The price of a 1.5-liter bottle ranges from 90 cents to \$1.80, depending on the outlet.

This is a charitable endeavor for us, Archbishop Alexander said. "All the profits we plan to make will go to noble purposes." Mr. King first met the arcbbishop while on a cruise down the Volga in 1992. The venture

grew out of their discussions. Mr. King said the plant was bottling and distributing I million bottles a month, which is about 20 percent of its capacity. In the first week of September, it will be adding half-liter bottles for sale in hotel minibars and on airline flights.

Mr. King said he planned to begin export-ing Saint Springs water to the United States this autumn, marketed as an exceptionally Dure water that bears the seal of approval of the highest spiritual authority in Russia.

The company plans to start with cities that have large Russian populations, such as New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Land Auction Withdrawal Jolts **Hong Kong Mart**

HONG KONG - The government was forced to withdraw a plot from its land auction for the first time in a decade on Tuesday, a possible signal that the expensive residential property market has simmered down.

The surprising development undercut stock prices here, with the Hang Seng index, which represents about 70 percent of total market capitalization, closing down 223.27 points, at 9,234.06.

The real estate development and investment company Sun Hung Kai Properties fell the most among index stocks, 2.25 Hong Kong dollars (29 U.S. cents), to 50.50 dollars.

Two of three sites in the auction were sold for prices lower than expected, and the last one was withdrawn with no opening bid. In May, the government said it would review the way it conducted land auctions after powerful developers refused to bid against each other and one site went at a price much lower than expected.

Paul Tam, chief survey officer in the Land Department, said it was the first site withdrawal in 10 years. Two larger sites were bought

for prices below expectations by the sole bidder, the Chinabacked company CITIC Pacific Ltd., at the opening bid.

"Locals are selling because the land auction at Tai Po only sold for 950 million dollars, below the expected price of I bil-lion dollars," said Priscilla Ng of Sun Hung Kai Securities.

Regent Fund Management was forecasting a 50 percent to 75 percent fall in prices over the next five years.

"I expect the sale to show that we will get some further softening in prices over the rest of the year, maybe another 5 to 10 percent," said Alexander Webber of the property consultants Vigers Hong Kong.

Residential prices overall have fallen by 10 percent to 15 percent since the government announced measures in June to increase land availability and make life tougher for speculators. The government owns all land in the colony and sells leasehold interests.

John Corrigall, the auctioneer, also blamed last week's rise in U.S. interest rates, which prompted local banks to raise their prime rates half a percentage point, to 7.75 percent.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Hopes of Stability Bring Mexican Stocks Off the Roller Coaster

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — Optimism Tuesday and put at least a tem- the governing party's presidenporary end to the rollercoaster tial candidate. nde that kept many investors

gained its stability and continucs growing.

The Bolsa gained 51.13 points or 1.9 percent Monday, the first day of trading after the about Mexico's political pros- weekend electoral victory by pects steadied its stock market Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León,

With Mexican money headon the sidelines earlier this year. ing into blue-chips, the index Analysis said the market dimbed for most of Tuesday would hold its own or keep ris-but ended down 3.44 points or ing if Mexico proves it has re- 0.12 percent at 2755.53 points.

Two closed-end mutual funds cents to \$66.00. that invest in Mexican securities both were lower. Mexico Fund fell \$1.125, closing at \$33,875 on the New York Stock Exchange, after gaining 12.5 cents on Monday, while Mexico Equity & Income Fund fell 75

cents to \$22.75, following a

62.5-cent rise on Monday. Meanwhile, Teléfonos de Wall Street's reaction on the Mexico was the most active issecond day after the Mexican suc on the New York Stock Ex- election.

election was not as optimistic. change on Tuesday, falling 50

From its high of 2,881 on Feb. 8, the Bolsa index dropped drastically, hitting a low of 1,957 on April 20. The market recovered, then traded in the 2,200-2,400 range most of the summer, improving along with the polls favoring Mr. Zedillo. But in the past month, the index has gained more than 600 points with the approach of the

"We're in a bull market now," said Bond Snodgrass, analyst in Mexico City for Abaco, a major Mexican brokerage house.

"Most people make the mistake of making too close a correlation with Wall Street," he added, "but in fact what happens in Mexico politically, and the valuation of individual stocks are much more impor-

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MEDIA MARKETS

Books Go West to Change

By Leslie Helm

Los Angeles Times Service

EATTLE—Think encyclopedias and you think of Oxford dons in flowing gowns and the tweedy world of New York publishing. But what you really should be thinking is Redmond, Washington. That's the bome of Microsoft Corp., whose Encarta CD-ROM encyclopedia, replete with video and sound, has become the world's best-selling encyclopedia in its first year on the market

The sudden success of Encarta is more than just another indication that the electronic information age has arrived. To many, it's a sign of a changing intellectual landscape, one in which the information-technology outposts of the West are quietly becoming hubs of thought and creativity as well. "New York used to be the center of the

information industry," says Tom Corddry, a multimedia executive at Microsoft. "But electronic publishing could be based on the West Nobody is saying New York is about to disappear as a center of ideas, or that Los Angeles will soon lose its grip on movie and

television production. But there are signs that changing technologies are starting to redraw America's cultural map.
"You are getting painters, artists, writers, designers moving here because of employment opportunities," says Bob Bell, a professor at San Francisco State University's multi-

media center. New media technologies are evolving rapidly. Taking advantage of the latest advances requires close interaction among musicians, artists, writers and computer experts. The

technical wizards and creative professionals most attuned to the new media tend to be concentrated in the major metropolitan centers of the San Francisco Bay area, the Pacific Northwest and Southern California.

Of the 4,500 members of the International Interactive Communications Society, a group of multimedia professionals based in Beaver-ton, Oregon, close to half are in San Francisco or Los Angeles. New York has 357, well under 10 percent.

Migrations of talent have occurred through out history as fortunes have changed and technologies evolved. Driven by the desire for more clear days for shooting, the American movie business moved west from New York generations ago. Beginning in the 1920s, waves of writers—including Hemingway, Faulkner and Fitzgerald—were drawn by the high pay and excitement of Hollywood.

And although publishing and the fine arts still tend to be centered on New York, the rise of universities as patrons of the arts long ago dispersed writers and other creative talent around the country.

Multimedia companies find that cities in the West have the best selection of people with both technical and artistic talent.
Compton's NewMedia, a subsidiary of Tribune Co., established itself in Carlsbad, California, rather than at its parent's base in

Chicago.

"How many people would be willing to move to Chicago?" Tom McGrew, Compton's vice president of marketing development and product planning, asks.
Southern California was ideal, he says, be-

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Lloyd's Due To Post 5th Yearly Loss

LONDON - Lloyd's of London is set for its fifth consecutive annual loss, according to the British insurance analysis company Chatset.

Chatset said that the 1992 results, which will be reported next June, will be much worse than Lloyd's underwriters' forecasts of about £135 million (\$210 million). For 1993, they predict a return to profit of £800 million.

But these headline figures don't include losses on syndicates that cannot close their books because of difficulties quantifying their liabilities. And they do not include the effect of a substantial decrease in investment returns on syndi-

Analyst Derek Brawn at Smith New Court said that if the underwriters' forecasts were correct for 1993, they were extremely disappointing.

With underwriting capacity for 1993 at £8.9 billion, a profit of £800 million for 1993 — before adding in reserves for prior years and losses in investment returns - represented a yield of less than 10 percent, below its long-term average.

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MARKET DIARY

Cyclicals' Earnings **Spark Share Rally**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - U.S. stocks surged Tuesday as strongersurged Tuesday as stronger-manager at Aetua Life Insur-than-expected earnings from ance & Annuity. Deere fueled gains in farmequipment and cyclical stocks. Stocks were also supported by the higher dollar and bond

U.S. Stocks

prices, which swept away concerns about higher U.S. interest

The Dow Jones industrial avcrage jumped 24.61 points to close at 3,775.83

Almost seven stocks rose for every four that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume totaled 307.2 million shares. The benchmark 30-year U.S.

Treasury bond closed up 7/32 at 99 18/32, for a yield of 7.54 percent, down from 7.55 per-Deere's performance boosted other farm machinery and con-

Caterpillar rose 4%, to 111%, and Clark Equipment spurted 21/s, to 681/4. Decre and Caterpillar gave "a little more interest to the

struction equipment makers.

cyclical side of the economy," said Neil Yarhouse, a fund

Philip Morris jumped 1%, to 56%, on speculation that the maker of Mariboro cigarettes and Miller beer may either raise its quarterly dividend or announce a stock buyback at a board meeting next Wednes-

Interest-sensitive issues, such as those of banking and brokerage firms, advanced as interest rates fell. Fleet Financial Group added 1/2 at 3914, Travelers rose 14, to 35%, and BankAmerica Corp. added %, to

PepsiCo rose 1/2, to 34, after Goldman Sachs recommended huying the stock, saying Pepsi's earnings growth would be better than expected.
Compaq fell 1% to 36% after

the computer maker said it was cutting prices in Europe.
AT&T rose ½, to 53½ on news the company will work with Intel, which rose 4, to

641/2, to develop a computerized conferencing service.

Japan's Buying Pushes Dollar Up Against Yen

NEW YORK — The dollar negotiations heats up. The dol-ked out a gain against tha yen lar's current postwar low is eked out a gain against tha yen Tuesday on Bank of Japan overnight intervention, and the U.S. currency also made progress against the Deutsche

pretty aggressively Monday

Foreign Exchange

night," said Joe Francomano, a trader at Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank. The central bank's purchases, which have often proved ineffective, helped drive the dollar higher because many traders were short the U.S. currency, Mr. Francomano said.

The dollar rose as high as 98.54 yen before ending the day at 97.82 yen, up from a five-week low of 97.70 yen set Monday. The U.S. currency rose to 1.5311 DM from 1.5284 DM.

The dollar gave up much of its early gains against the yen after C. Fred Bergsten, an independent Washington economist regarded as close to the Clinton administration, was reported as saying that the dollar might fall to new lows against the yen as

rhetoric in the U.S.-Japanese 96.60 yen, set on July 12.

The United States has set a Sept. 30 deadline for talks aimed at getting Japanese government agencies to buy more The Bank of Japan bought American medical and telecommunications equipment. The administration is authorized under U.S. trade law to put sanctions on Japanese exports if the deadline passes without

an agreement.
"Bergsten's comments hit a nerve," said David de Rosa, director of foreign-exchange trading at Swiss Bank Corp. Traders eager to sell the dollar when it rose saw his comments as justification.

still down," said Lynn Tierney, and social, not just political." vice president at Shawmut Bank of Boston.

Mr. Francomano said the dollar could probably fall as low as 95 yen within a month. In addition to skepticism about the trade negotiations, many traders have lost faith in the Clinton administration's economic policies, Mr. Francomano said.



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MEXICO: Hopes for Stability End the Market's Roller-Coaster Ride

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"The trend for the dollar is tant. The next tests are financial Tuesday's early lenders on the Bolsa were Industrias Oxy A shares, up 5 percent, the financial group Banamex Accival

shares, up 4.46 percent, and Moderna ACP, up 3.63 percent. Sectors in the Mexican stock market favored by analysts include export tirms, whose profits are expected to benefit from a strong and stable peso; finfit from lower interest rates, now is the cheapest market in and infrastructure companies Latin America. It is also liquid which depend on political sta- and the biggest in Latin Ameribility for their large projects.

Tim Hayman of Baring Securities in Mexico City forecast that the market would be in the 3.100 range by the winter, even better than its high before the turbulent political events of this

Trading at 18 times earnings.

cancial groups, which will bene- Mr. Hayman added, "Mexico the first ones back in this ca, and now Zedillo's victory

makes the difference," Jorge Suarez, managing di-rector of AFIN Securities in New York, said that even after the Bolsa started rising earlier in the summer, many Mexican investors kept some cash in reserve "waiting to see what would happen, and they were

He added that they would be followed by the international fund managers shifting money into Mexico, and then by individual investors - both domestic and international - who may inflate prices.

Geoffrey Dennis, a senior emerging market manager for into Mexico last month.

Delta Hires AT&T to Run Systems

NEW YORK (AP) - Delta Air Lines Inc. said Tuesday it had hired AT&T Corp. to run many of its computer systems. becom-

ing the first major airline to farm out that chore.

Under the \$2.8 billion deal, which involves the creation of a joint venture between the two companies, AT&T will run Delta's computers used for accounting, payroll and other functions.

The AT&T-Delta venture, which will be based in Atlanta and

employ 1,200 current Delta workers, will self computing and communications services to other transportation and travel companies but will not provide reservations systems.

CBS Share Buyback Oversubscribed

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS Inc. said Tuesday that stockholders had tendered 12.6 million shares, more than three times as many as it said it would buy back under a \$1.1 billion repurchase offer. As a result, the broadcasting company said it would accept roughly 27 percent of the shares each shareholder had tendered as of Monday's deadline. When the \$325-a-share buyback is completed, the company's shares outstanding will be reduced by about 22 percent, to 12,250,000 shares.

CBS's biggest shareholder, Loews Corp., tendered all its 3,030,000 shares. CBS will buy about 817,000 of those shares, cutting Loews's stake to about 18 percent from 19.2 percent. Loews is headed by Laurence A. Tisch, who is also chairman and chief executive officer of CBS. The company previously announced it would split its stock 5 for 1. A date for the split is expected to be set by the CBS board next month.

North American Sales Lift Deere Net

MOLINE, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Decre & Co. said earnings in the third quarter of its financial year jumped 74 percent as improved economies in the United States and Canada stimulated sales and resulted in steady, more profitable production sched-

The maker of farm, industrial and lawn equipment earned \$157.7 million in the quarter ended July 31, up from \$90.8 million, a year earlier. Year-ago results were restated to reflect accounting changes covering retirement benefits. Revenue rose 14 percent to \$2,33 billion. Decre's shares rose \$3.625 to \$69.625.

Chairman Hans Becherer said Deere's results also reflected improved pricing as the company offered fewer sales incentives than a year ago. Earnings from its financial services subsidiary also were strong, he said.

Expansion Cuts Into QVC Earnings

WEST CHESTER, Pennsylvania (AP) - QVC Inc. reported Tuesday a 12 percent drop in second-quarter earnings, citing costs of expanding television home shopping to Britain and Mexico.

Establishing the operations in the two countries, where the

network reaches 17 million homes, resulted in a \$6.1 million loss after taxes in the most recent quarter, QVC said. Net income in the period was \$11.7 million, or 25 cents a share, down from \$13.3

million, or 26 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue rose 16 percent, to \$303.3 million from \$262.4 million.

First-half earnings were \$23.8 million, or 49 cents a share, compared with \$34.9 million, or 70 cents a share, in the first half of 1993, QVC said. The latest first-half figure reflected \$12.6 million in losses after taxes on joint electronic retail ventures, while the 1993 net income figure was inflated by \$4 million due to a change in accounting for income taxes.

Morgan Stanley Reports 46% Drop

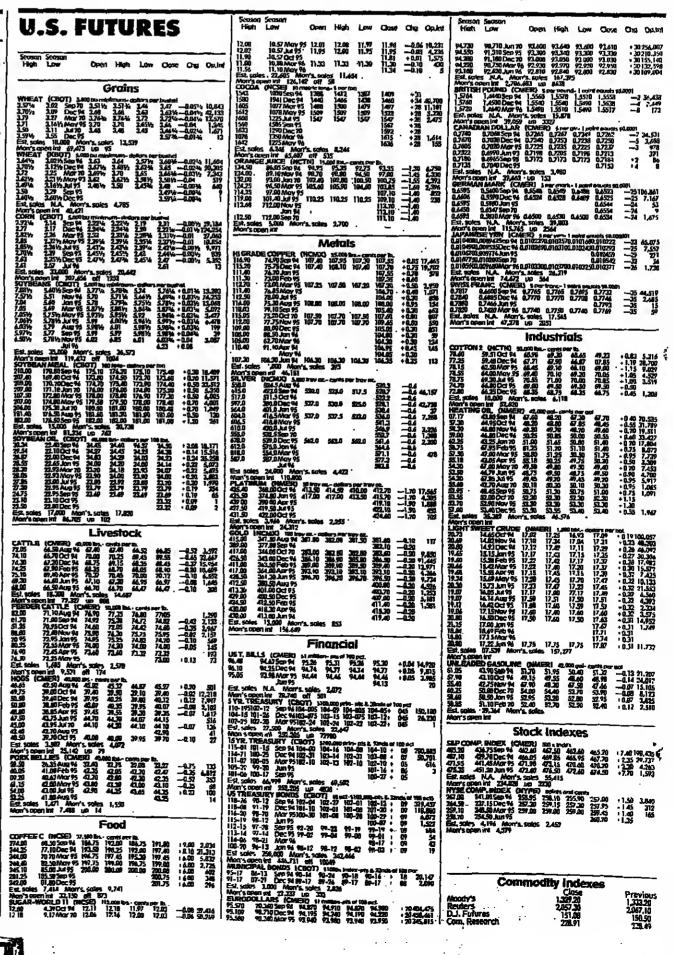
NEW YORK - Morgan Stanley Group Inc. said Tuesday that

second-quarter earnings fell 46 percent.
For the three months ended July 31, the fourth-largest U.S. securities firm carned \$121 million, compared with \$224 million a year earlier. Morgan Stanley also said the board had increased its stock-buyback program by \$200 million, authorizing it to buy back as much as \$278 million of its stock on the open market.

For the Record

Westinghouse Electric Corp. took another step toward shrinking its environmental services business, agreeing to sell its Aptus Inc. hazardous waste incinerator unit to Rollins Environmental Services Inc. for \$160 million. Bear Steams in New York said he advised clients to move back named president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

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EUROPE

In Bad Day on the Top Floor, NFC and Trygg Lose Leaders

LONDON - Britain's biggest freight transport group, NFC PLC, surprised investors Tuesday with news that its chief executive, Peter Sherlock, was quitting after 18 months in the job.

The company's shares tumbled 15 to 185 pence (\$2.88), and analysts speculated that the move had been caused by a boardroom fight over Mr. Sherlock's management style.
"It didn't work; full stop. That's the best way

of putting it," an NFC spokeswoman said, refusmg to claborate.

NFC also forecast a nine-month profit before tax and exceptional items of £76.6 million, an increase of 23 percent from last year's £62.3 million, but below expectations.

The former state-owned National Freight Corp. became a success story for management and employees who bought it in 1982 and went on to float it on the London Stock Exchange. It now ranks as one of Britain's 100 biggest

Analysts said Mr. Sherlock had an abrasive style that alienated other directors, especially after a key executive director, Robbie Burns, said in May be was resigning.

Mr. Burns was in charge of NFC's transport and logistics business, its most important divi-sion. NFC said Tuesday that he would now be

Mr. Sherlock had been brought in from the hrewing and hotels concern Bass PLC to refocus NFC on higher-margin activities and expand the group. To this end, the group raised £263 million in a rights issue in December.

The NFC chairman, James Watson, will take on more executive responsibilities, and the finance director, Trevor Larman, will be in charge of day-to-day operations until a successor to Mr. Sherlock is chosen.

Forecasts for the company's full-year profit were scaled back to about £110 million. The company owns Allied Van Lines in the United. States and Allied Pickfords in Britain.

Shares Fall With Sherlock - Sprangare Cites Criticism

STOCKHOLM - Bjorn Sprangare, the much-criticized chief executive of the Swedish insurance group Trygg-Hansa AB, announced his resignation Tuesday.

The company said Mr. Sprangare would remain until his successor takes office.

"The media criticism of me during the spring and summer is evidence that I do not have the full confidence of the public at large, which is necessary if I am to exercise my leadership re-sponsibility firmly." Mr. Sprangare said. "Such criticism even indirectly hurts our employees, whose task is to foster a relationship of confidence with clients."

Mr. Sprangare has come under heavy attack this year in the aftermath of a series of moves that have either failed or proved to be less advantageous for the company than predicted. He was criticized for the purchases of the unprofitable U.S. insurer, Home Holdings, and Gota Bank, which went bankrupt

His handling of the ambitious acquisition and refinancing of Home Holdings also spurred criticism from inside the company, including some from new board members.

. Since the replacement of several board members and the chairman this summer, after Trygg-Hansa announced its best-ever operating profit for 1993, the departure of Mr. Sprangare had seemed inevitable

In departing, he said the criticism was hurting Trygg-Hansa when its prospects were very good. Trygg-Hansa on Tuesday reported a loss of 380 million kronor (\$50 million) for the first half of 1994. It had a profit of I.38 billion kronor in the period last year.

The company's operating profit for the first six months was 190 million kronor, compared with 884 million kronor. The latest results included a write-down of 1.9 billion kronor in the value of

Chart-Toppers Spur Thorn Results

Bloomberg Business News

LONDON - Thorn EMI PLC said Tuesday that first-quarter profit from continuing husinesses rose 25 percent, thanks to charttoppers by Pink Floyd, the Beastie Boys and chanting monks.

Bolstered by a 17 percent rise in sales at EMI Music, the recording arm, operating profit from continuing businesses rose to £53 million (\$80 million) during the first three months of 1994 from £42.1 million a year. earlier. The figures were in line with forecasts.

"These are some encouraging results and add support to our buy stance on Thorn

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Tuesday's Closing
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EMI shares," said Nigel Reed, an analyst at Paribas Capital Markets.

First-quarter operating profit, underpinned hy sales of albums such as the Bene-dictine monks' "Canto Gregoriano" and Pink Floyd's "The Division Bell," provided further evidence that Thorn's decision to jettison its security, lighting and electronics business and focus on music was paying off, analysis and executives said.

Because sales of records, tapes and compact disks often are slack through the summer and pick up as Christmas approaches, Thorn executives said it was difficult to forecast fullyear profit from first-quarter results.

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Ukraine Acts on Currency

Exchange to Reopen as Controls Are Eased

KIEV - Ukraine announced plans Tuesday

to reopen the Kiev currency exchange and ease government controls over markets, but some critics called the moves half-hearted. A decree signed by President Leonid S.

Kuchma calls for Kiev's interbank currency exchange to reopen Oct. 1. The bourse was closed in November 1993 after the government accused it of fueling inflavon.

Ukraine is under pressure to restructure its economy to receive \$4 billion in aid promised by Western economic institutions. I can't imagine that the IMF and other

institutions will be pleased with this," a Western diplomat said. "This is a recipe for further drift. They've essentially maintained the same system, perhaps knocking off some of the rough edges."

STOCKHOLM - Stora AB

said Tuesday its first-half pre-

tax profit jumped after it made

a large one-time gain on the sale

The forestry group posted a pretax profit of 1.51 billion kro-

nor (\$200 million), up sharply

from 30 million kronor last

Stora said first-balf earnings

were boosted by a gain of 914 million kronor from the sales of

its flooring unit, Tarkett AB, and of the Finnish operations

of its Akerlund & Rausing AB

Charges totaled 297 million

kronor, including 200 million

kronor for a possible write-down

Stora shares fell 10 kronor to

close at 440. Analysts said the

fall reflected worries about the

effect a lower U.S. dollar may

have on companies with over-

Meanwhile, the company said it would invest 665 million

kronor to improve five of its factories in Nova Scotia, Swe-

den and Belgium. Stora said the

Stora said that since 1993,

work would be done by 1995.

5,425 employees have been shed through the sale of businesses.

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By the end of the year, Ukraine's central bank is to bring the overvalued official foreignexchange rate of the karbovanets more in line with the one set on the exchange.

Ukraine now has two exchange rates, an official rate used for the required sale of 50 percent of companies' hard-currency earnings and a second rate set at weekly central bank auctions. The official rate is currently 20,500 karbovanets to the U.S. dollar, and the auction rate is 40,500 to the dollar.

Under the decree, the official rate will be based on a series of factors, including inflation. monetary creation and the trade balance.

Enterprises will still have to surrender 50 percent of their hard-currency earnings. But 20 percent will be sold at the market rate and 30 percent at the official rate.

Swedish Banks Post Stora Profit Rises Sharply **Profit as Bad Debts Fall** On Asset Sale

STOCKHOLM - Svenska Handelshanken and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, two of Sweden's biggest commercial banks. reported higher-than-expected first-balf operating profit Tuesday as bad-debt charges dropped.

Svenska Handelshanken said its operating profit after credit losses almost tripled in the first half as bad-debt charges fell by more than 50 percent.

The bank posted an operating profit of 2.3 billion Swedish kronor (\$304 million), up from 768 million kronor a year earlier. The hank's bad-debt charge fell 60 percent, to 1.46 billion kronor. But Svenska Handelsbanken's net interest income slipped in the first half, to 4.29 billion kronor from 5.03 billion kronor. That Sales fell to 23.11 billion kroreflects a fall in the amount lent by the bank and shrinking

margins between lending and deposit rates. Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken said it returned to an operating profit of 2.23 billion kronor in the first half after posting a loss of 298 million kronor a year earlier. Earnings were lifted by a lower bad-deht charge of 2.96 billion kronor, compared with 5.15 billion kronor a year earlier. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Skandia Says Its Bond Boycott Stands

Skandia Forsaekring AB, Sweden's insurer, will continue to boycott Swedish government bonds until it sees more support for the political decisions needed to stabilize the Swedish economy, AFP-Extel reported, quoting Gosta Stenberg, Skandia's commu nication's director.

Of the opposition Social Democrats' proposals to reduce the hudget deficit, Mr. Stenberg said, "We see the proposals as a positive sign, but they are still not enough."

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Very briefly:

 SAP AG, the German computer software company, said first-half earnings more than doubled to 78.1 million Deutsche marks (\$51 million) on sales of its R/3 applications system.

• Spain increased its revenue from tourism by 18 percent in the first half of the year, while revenue for June soared 25 percent from a year earlier, the Ministry of Commerce and Tourism said.

• European Union consumer price inflation in July slowed to 3 percent, the lowest annual rate since March 1987, after four consecutive months at 3.2 percent, the EU stanistics office said. France's June balance of trade surplus narrowed to 6.25 hillion francs (\$1 billion) from 7.62 billion francs in May.

• Rémy Cointreau, a French liquor group, has signed an exclusive deal to have all its products marketed in Kazakhstan by the former Soviet republic's higgest private company, Butya, an imported consumer goods distributor.

• Wegener NV, a Dutch newspaper publisher, said its first-half net profit rose 22 percent, to 23,4 million guilders (\$14 million) because of cost-cutting measures.

· Gambro AB, the Swedish pharmaceutical group, signed a conditional agreement with the Finnish company Instrumentarium Oy to sell its intensive care and anesthesia business. No financial details were disclosed.

• Sweden's June industrial orders rose 3 percent from May and 19 percent from a year earlier, the Central Bureau of Statistics said.

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MULTIMEDIA: Creativity and Technology Come Together Out West

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cause of the graphic designers. musicians and cartoonists at-

tached to the movie industry. "We want programmers with an aesthetic sense," says Greg

Roach, who recently moved his multimedia company, Hyperbole, to Seattle from Houston. His hires in Seattle include a rogrammer who is also a sculptor and another who is a

A former playwright, Mr. Roach began working in Multimedia after he found himself

afford to produce. "In the computer I can do all those things." says Mr. Roach, who is widely recognized as a leader in advancing multimedia as an art

ists and musicians; it's a richer prove upon. soup," said Robert Stein, development director at Voyager, a ahility to transmit ideas and in-

In the long run, the staying writing plays that involved sets power of these new multimedia exploding into flames and other centers depends on the future of

fantastic scenes he could not the technology and society's readiness to adapt to a new way of projecting ideas. Some are skeptical. "Books

have been around for 400 to 500 a copy to manufacture. A set of years for a good reason," says Michael Powell, owner of Pow-Some people still find New cll's in Portland, Oregon, said York alluring. "There's a great- to be America's largest bookell's in Portland, Oregon, said er concentration of writers, art- store. "They are hard to im-But Others see multimedia's

multimedia company that re-cently moved to New York interactive programs as an im-from Santa Monica, California. portant advantage over print in formation through the use of

areas such as educational texts, reference works and documentary-style nonfiction. Viewers can explore ancient worlds. work through math problems or

conduct virtual experiments in hiology texts.

the World Book Encyclopedia costs \$150 to print and huge sums to market and distribute. That means, over time, Micro-

soft will have more money than its print counterparts to spend on commissioning fresh work from artists and writers.

Economics also favor elec-

tronic publishing in important

areas. The Encarta encyclope-

dia, which sells for \$70, costs \$2

For whatever reason, Americans are turning to the new medium in huge numbers. CD-ROM title sales, excluding games, quadrupled to \$300 million last year, according to Dataquest Inc., a market research firm. It expects sales to triple this year.

OMV Offers Dividend Hope

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches VIENNA -- OMV AG, the state-controlled petrochemical

company, gave investors reason to hope for a dividend this year as it reported on Tuesday a return to profit in its first half.

OMV said it earned 240 million Austrian schillings (\$2.2 million), following a loss of 552 million schillings in the first half of 1993. The improvement largely reflected cost cutting as sales were stagnant at 40.10 billion schillings, compared with 40.03 million schillings a year earlier.

Last year, OMV eliminated 1,084 jobs, or 8.6 percent of its staff. That reduced salest generation to first half to 4.8 billion.

staff. That reduced salary expenses in the first half to 4.8 billion schillings from 5.2 billion schillings. OMV's restructuring has improved results in its energy businesses, even as prices re-mained low and the company's chemicals and plastics husiness-

es continued to lose money. It is discussing cooperation in such units with other companies, notably Repsol SA of Spain.

Richard Schenz, the chief executive, beld out hope for a dividend payment after two years of losses. "If the results turn out the way we imagine, there will be a dividend, if possible without liquidating energy "he said." without liquidating reserves," he said. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Unidanmark Posts a Surprise Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches

COPENHAGEN — Unidanmark AS. Denmark's second-largest banking group, said Tuesday that its first-half pretax profit fell 50 percent, but the result surprised analysts who bad predicted a sizable loss.

Unidanmark's pretax profit was 207 million kroner, compared with 483 million kroner in 1993. It attributed the downturn in earnings to losses on securities and bond holdings.

Analysts had forecast an average first-balf pretax loss of 633 Unidanmark posted net interest income of 4.78 billion kroner

for the period, up g percent from last year, but it warned it expected this income to be lower in the second balf of 1994.

Loan losses and bad debt provisions fell 60 percent to 950 million kroner from last year.

The gains show that our strategy of restructuring the bank and strengthening its market position through tighter cost and credit control is paying off," the bank said. (Remers, AFX)

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Canon Overcomes Strong Yen

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Canon Inc. reported an 84 percent rise in first-half current profit Tuesday as strong sales of hubble-jet printers and a successful restructuring program overcame revenue losses tied to the yen's appreciation.

Canon's current profit rose to 28.54 billion yen (\$289 million) in the first six months from 15.54 billion yen last year.

Net profit rose 41 percent, to 16.4 billion yen from 11.6 billion yen, while revenue was up 3.8 percent, to 512.7 billion yen.

Ryozo Hirako, Canon's managing director, said hubble-jet printer sales rose 43 percent.

While Canon's profit is vul- structuring plan. dubhed

sales of printers and office machines such as copiers had offset the yen's appreciation. Exports account for 78 percent of Canon's sales.

Hitoshi Kuriyama, an analyst at CS First Boston, said demand for computer peripheral equipment such as printers remained strong, and he saw "no factors that are detrimental" to Canon's carnings prospects, "except for the yen's exchange rate.

Canon officials also credited the turnaround to benefits from the second year of a five-year restructuring effort. The re-

nerable to the strength of the yen because of its high dependence on exports, analysts said "Canon Restructuring 100," is designed to make the company profitable at a level of 100 yen to the dollar.

> Mr. Hirako said the yen's appreciation in the first half resulted in a decline in revenue of 38 billion yen, but he said the company was able to offset the de-cline with 65 hillion yen in costcutting, coupled with price rises and increased sales volume.

> He said the company was forecasting an average exchange rate of 100 yen to the dollar in the second half of 1994, after an average of 105.20 yen in the first half. In the first half of 1993, the dollar averaged 114.60 yen.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

The Earnings Mystery At Tsingtao Brewery

HONG KONG - Tsingtao Brewery, which claims to have pulled off the impossible combination of surging profit in the face of higher costs and level sales, met with analysts here

Tuesday. Their curiosity, however, was not satisfied.

"It's still a little murky," said Nick Moakes, a China analyst with S.G. Warburg Securities. "Margins are expanding, but what we don't know is just bow they are achieving this if costs are up and prices aren't. There has to be something else going

Last week, China's largest brewery announced a 63 percent jump in net profit for the first six months of 1994, to 112.1 million yuan (\$13 million). Adjusted to international accounting standards, the figure was 102 million yuan.

While beer production hopped 27 percent in the first half, sales only rose about 5 percent. With raw material costs rising between 15 percent and 20 percent, analysts were at a loss to

explain the hefty earnings.

Tsingtao executives came to Hong Kong to meet with investment managers and securities analysts, but several analysts said later that they would be telephoning the company privately for further clarification.

"This year's figures did not include sales tax, unlike those for last year," said Yan Wenming, Tsingtao's chief accountant. If this were taken into account, he said, Tsingtao's sales actually grew about 15 percent in the first half. Last year, Tsingtao received dollars or a favorably conver

because year, I single of received donars of a lavorably convertible currency in place of yuan for as much as 30 percent of the beer sold in China. This was halted on Jan. 1.

One way Tsingtao may have improved margins is by changing the ingredient of the beer itself, suggested Sonja Jong, an analyst with MeesPierson Securities.

"For example, they could increase the percentage of need thus lower the cost prince of the bear and the send for

used and thus lower the cost price of the beer and the need for foreign currency to buy barley," she said.

U.S. Makes Proposal in Bid Dispute

TOKYO — The U.S. government has proposed a compromise in seeking compensation from Japanese firms for alleged bid-rigging in construction projects at a U.S. naval base, Japanese officials said Tuesday.

Seventy-three Japanese com-panies allegedly inflated costs of work done on the Atsugi naval base, near Tokyo, by rigging bids between 1984 and 1990.

In March, the Justice Department complained to the Japanese government and sought 1.1 billion yen (\$11 million) in damages from the companies.

Washington now asks that companies that won Atsugi contracts pay back 22.4 percent of the successful bid prices and that companies that took part in the bidding pay 500,000 yen for each bid, Construction Ministry officials said.

Koken Nosaka, the construction minister, said the govern-ment would not interfere with matter to be settled by the companies involved.

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the case, which he said was a • China established a steel trade group to curb unchecked imports matter to be settled by the comthat in the past two years have caused high domestic surpluses.

• Beijing's statistics bureau said the private sector generated just over half of the city's economic output in January through July. • Tokyo Electric Power Co. asked for government permission to

thermal energy into electrical power. The World Bank approved a \$40 million loan to convert the former U.S. Subic Naval Base into an industrial center.

build two nuclear reactors, as well as two facilities that turn

· Coles Myer Ltd. said the independent advisers KPMG Corporate Finance concluded that the company's plan to huy back the 21.45 percent stake held by Kmart Corp. in the company was fair

• Carrefour said it agreed to set up a joint venture with the Chinese retailer Lianhua to operate supermarkets in the Shanghai region. · China's largest offshore gas field in the South China Sea will begin producing natural gas in 1996.

• Allied Industries International Ltd. formed a joint venture with Taiwan-based Trump Chemical Corp. to market specialty chemi-

• Chine will need to spend \$200 billion to \$250 hillion on infrastructure by the turn of the century, 20 percent of which will have to come from abroad, according to Hans-Ulrich Docrig, vice

Ascada to Buy Up to 21.7% Of Shangri-La Properties

MANII.A — Ascada Sdn. of Malaysia said Tuesday it would acquire up to 21.7 percent of the Kuok conglomerate's Philippine hotel affiliate, Shangri-La Properties Inc. in a 1.25 billion peso (\$48 million) private placement.

Shangri-La said in disclosure ment became necessary after it failed to amortize about 1 billion pesos in bank loans in June and faced foreclosure on its

from 61.5 percent, selling 58.8

million shares for 676.2 million. Hong Kong dollars (\$88 million), Shangri-La said.

Ascada's acquisition of the Shangri-La shares would further coment the partnership of the Hong Kong-based Malaysian tycoon Robert Kuok and Tan Sri Khoo Kay Peng.

Tan Sri Khoo's Malayan United Industries Bhd. has a 20

Officials of the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commispapers filed with the Philippine curities and Exchange Commission said Shangri-La's disclosecurities and Exchange Comsure papers on the deal would be forwarded to the Hong Kong Securities and Exchange Commission, which is looking into Ascada's acquisition of the Shangri-La stake.

mortgage assets.

In all, Kuok reduced its stake

The placement agreement,
signed last month, is to be completed after a two-step rights issue in which Ascada will subscribe to any shares not taken up by Shangri-La's existing shareholders, at 1.61 pesos a

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The first of two tranches of the rights issue is to be completed by the end of September. (AFP, AFX, Reuters)

Strong Currency Prompts Sony to Expand Abroad

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TOKYO — Sony Corp. will concentrate its capital spending on overseas operations as it moves toward shifting half its production outside Japan to cope with the higher yen, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The company will shift some basic products — such as

Walkman stereos and color television — to overseas production facilities while making value-added products domestically, the spokesman said. Domestic production would include devices with high growth potential, such as semiconductors and disk players.

The Nihon Keizsi Shimbun said Sony would shift plant investment to subsidiaries in China, India and Vietnam, while

ipgrading research and development facilities in Europe and the United States.

The company is planning a color television plant in India and has applied to the Indian government for permission to build, the company said.

build, the company said.

Indian newspapers reported Tuesday that the government had approved Sony's proposal for a \$10 million investment. The subsidiary would make computer software and electronic components in addition to TV sets, the newspapers said.

(AFP, Bloomberg)

Data Show Japan Recovery

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputcher __in the April-June period grew 1 TOKYO — The Japanese percent, the second consecutive economy is heading for recov- quarter of growth, but there ery, and recent data have shown were no firm prospects of conimprovement in economic actinuing expansion. tivity, according to the Bank of Japan's monthly financial and economic review.

The report, issued Tuesday, said recovery was especially noticeable in consumer spending. Corporate capital spending re-mains sluggish, but some lead-ing indicators suggest that corporate activity has stopped declining, it said.

But the groundwork for a recovery is still weak, the report said. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said Tuesday that industrial output

The Economic Planning Agency said the leading economic index fell to 54.5 points in June from a revised 58.3 points in May, but it was above the key 50-point line for the sixth month in a row.

Meanwhile, the Labor Ministry said Japanese employers were not eliminating jobs as aggressively as a year ago despite growing fears about the adverse effects of the strong yen.

(Knight-Ridder, AFP, AFX, Reuters)

Prices and Currency Batter TDK Profit

TOKYO — TDK Corp. said Tuesday that the strong yen and a fall in the price of video and audio tapes combined to send consolidated pretax profit down 23 percent to 4.95 billion yen

(\$50 million) in the first quarter.

TDK, the world's largest maker of audio and video cassette tapes, said total sales for the period fell 2.3 percent, to 117.81 billion yen.

The company said the strength of the yen reduced revenue by about 1.1 hillion yen. The

first quarter of 1993. TDK sells 56.5 percent of

The company said sales in its magnetic tape division, which account for 27 percent of all sales, fell by 2.8 billion yen because of falling

■ Fujitsu Says It Expects to Return to Profit

Fujitsu Ltd. said it was likely to have a net

reduced revenue by about 1.1 hillion yen. The dollar was worth around 103 yen in the first quarter of this year, down from 110 yen in the earlier, Agence France-Presse reported.

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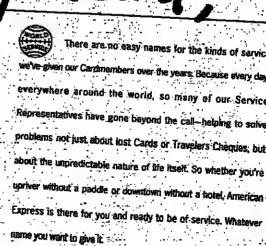




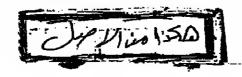
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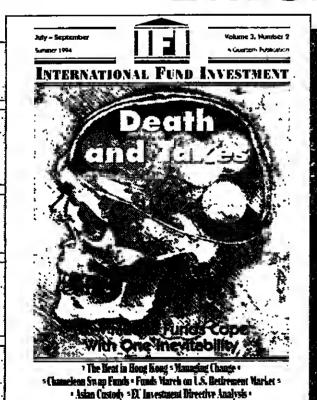
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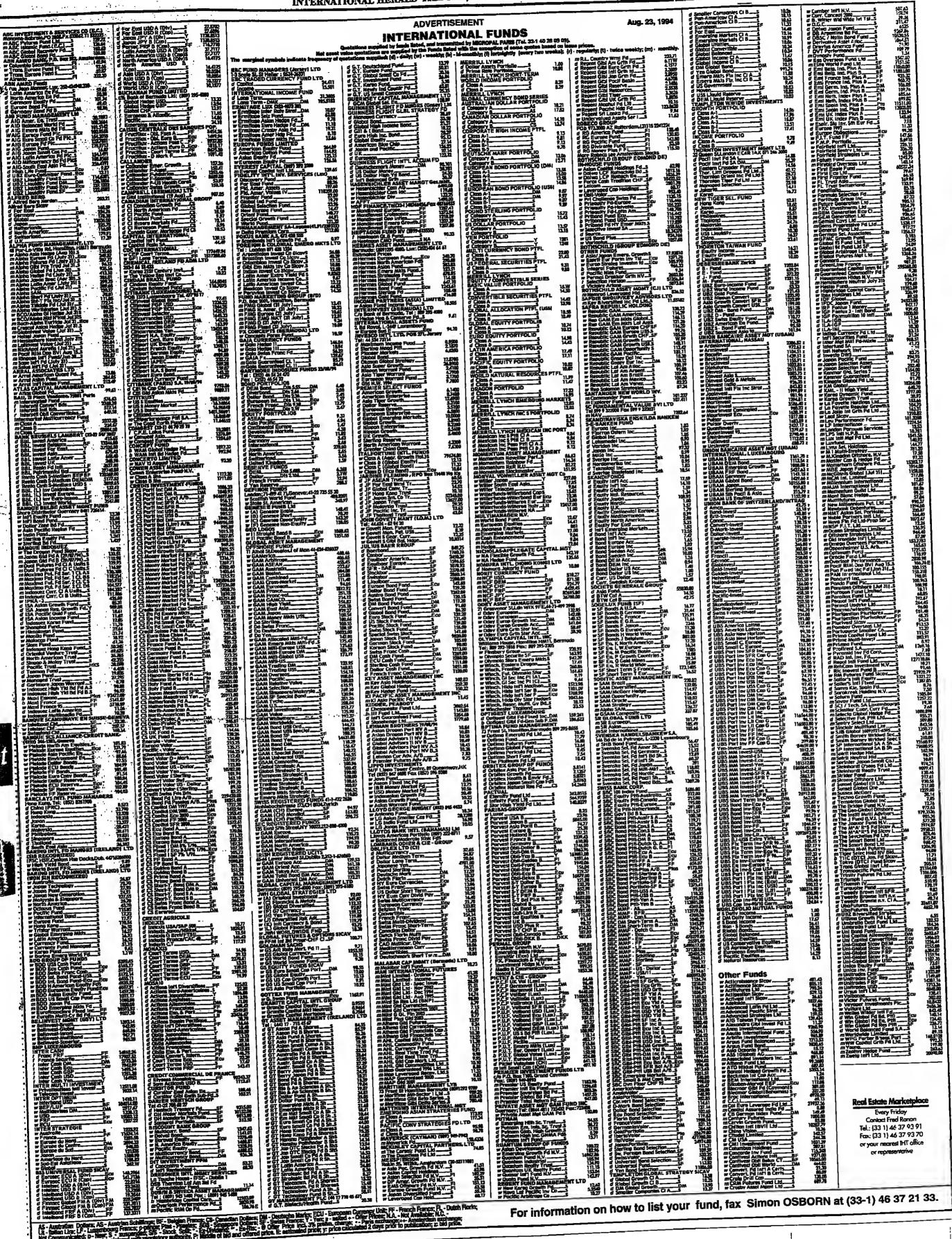


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A Bad Boy Takes Charge

NFL's Ryan Thrives in the Maelstrom

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona -For the Arizona Cardinals, it was almost the end of the day's second practice and time for some live hitting. Scrub offense against the first-team goal-line defense. All out. Full contact. A spirited little skirmish, just the way boisterous bad-boy coach Buddy Ryan always likes it in

Maybe that's wby Ryan, in a new trademark wide-brimmed black Panama hat, stood so serenely in the middle of the end zone. His arms were folded across his chest just above that budding potbelly, and a mis-chievous smile was etched on his face as a rookie running back slashed into the pile and immediately was thrown back 5 yards like a rag doll pitched into a toy chest by a peevish child.

But wait, over on the other side of the line, a small-scale brawl was breaking out. A freeagent tackle literally fighting for a job was swinging and kicking and cursing, aiming his wrath at several defenders. Now, players were running into the fray from the sideline. More balled fists, lots of pushing and shoving and shouting and star-

ing and finger pointing.

But not by Buddy Ryan. Still planted in the end zone, his arms still folded, that sly little grin still on his face, the irasci-ble head coach was taking it all in, a man at peace in the middle

of a combat zone. Later, after calmer heads prevailed, someone asked Ryan if yet another typical day of fuss-ing and fuming in the Cardi-nals' camp bothered him much.

"Nah," he said. "There's not much they can do to each other but break their hands. You might be a little late for dinner, but nobody ever really gets hurt in a football fight. I just let 'em go."

And he smiled again.
The Cardinals train in the National Football League's most spectacular preseason setting. Their practice fields are 7,000 feet (2,100 meters) above sea level, surrounded by stands

don in the background. Over the last four weeks, James Da-vid Ryan, 60, and his staff have football." been trying to narrow the yawning gap between the Cardinals and the competition.

He's a curiously complex fel-low some said would never work as a head coach again after taking a nationally televised poke at a fellow Houston Oilers assistant, Kevin Gilbride, in December. But even after that dustup, be's got it all. Ryan is bead coach and general manager of a team that hasn't been to the playoffs since the 1982 strike season, when 16 of 28 teams qualified. Before that it

What's more, he's the bottest item to hit the state since Charles Barkley arrived from Philadel-

Buddy Ryan never saw a headline he could not dominate.

phia ostensibly to lead the Phoenix Suns to a National Basketball Association championship two years ago. Season ticket sales have almost doubled, to 60,000, since Ryan's arrival.

Ryan said he has not been surprised by the exuberance of Cardinals fans. In fact, he's not shy about pointing out that "that's why I've got it in my contract to get a percentage of season ticket sales."

Already the owner of a restaurant in downtown Phoenix, Ryan has a Tuesday night radio show that is absolutely must listening. Last week, the first caller of the night questioned a few of Ryan's recent personnel moves, and Buddy decked him with a vitriolic verbal barrage.

"I've seen more film and know more about football than you do," he began. "I get paid to do it. It's my job to evaluate talent, not to listen to every Tom, Dick and Harry. You're so be it."

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Ryan hasn't been a head coach since Norman Braman fired him in Philadelphia after the 1990 season, despite Ryan's taking the Eagles to the playoffs the last three years of his fiveyear tenure.

His punch thrown at Gil-bride had general managers leaguewide insisting Ryan would never get another head coaching job. Ryan heard that talk too, but said last week: "I had chances to go lots of places the last few years. People know if they want to win right away, I'm their guy."

And no, he tells anyone who asks, he's never apologized to Gilbride. He says he threw the punch only after he thought the younger man was about to

Cardinals owner Bill Bidwill said he had no qualms going after Ryan, even if the two seem like such an odd-duck couple the shy, bow-tied owner and his new coach, who never saw a headline he could not dominate.

Bidwill fired the popular coach Joe Bugel on Jan. 24 after a 7-9 season, despite Bugel's strong show of support from many Car-dinals players and four wins in the team's last five games.

Bidwill met with Ryan three times in early February, then of-fered him the job of coach and general manager, with a salary reportedly around \$500,000 over the next four years.

"You always have reserva-tions with anyone coming in," Bidwill said. "But I knew he had the ability and the experience to handle the coaching and the general manager end of it." Bidwill has acknowledged

that he did not anticipate the reaction - especially the ticketbuying frenzy — to Ryan's hir-ing. His decision to fire Bugel had not been popular. Bidwill added, "I've had no problems with him, none at all. And if be shoots from the hip sometimes,



Wai-Chih Huang of Taiwan, right, colliding with Nova Scotia's Tommy Sheppard.

the same salary-cap proposal.

with Ravitch and federal media-

Un Monday, Ravitch met here with 11 of the 12 manage-

ment participants who will rep-

leading power broker among

this week's schedule.

The World Series (For Little Leaguers)

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania - Taiwan, back in the Little League World Series for the first time since 1991, beat Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, 4-1, and Eduardo Ferrer pitched a one-hitter and homered as Venezuela beat Saudi Arabia, 5-1, in the opening games.

The only hit off Ferrer was a first-inning homer by the Sandi pitcher, Ronald Baptiste. Ferrer was perfect the rest of the way except for hitting Baptiste with a pitch in the fourth.

Esteban Avila scored in the first for the Latin American champions and again in the third. Ferrer's three-run homer in the fifth scored Eric Villaloros, who reached on a sacrifice and error, and Hidalgo, when his grounder struck Avila, who had

Taiwan took a 2-0 lead on three errors in the first and third innings. Hsiang-Kai Shih and Hsiu-Fan Wn then hit back-to-

back homers in the fifth. In Nova Scotia's sixth, Jason Snow doubled home Kyle Clark, who had singled, Hsin-Fan walked Adam Shibinette, and struck out starting pitcher Sandy Sparrow to end the game, Taiwan has won 15 Little League titles since 1969. It missed last year's tournament after failing to prove its players were eligible.

In the American division of the tournament, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, beat Northridge, California, 4-2, and Springfield, Virginia, beat Middleboro, Massachusetts, 2-1.

Baseball Talks: the Next Round

Complied by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - As negotiators for major league baseball team owners and striking players prepare to resume collective-bargaining talks on Wednesday, the chances that a settlement is near seem alim.

Somehow, the outlook got even gloomier and the rhetoric even nastier after their planning session earlier this week.

Afterward, Donald Fehr, the union chief, called the management negotiator, Richard Ravitch, "the hatchet man for the owners."

Afterward, Donald Fehr, the union chief, called the management negotiator, Richard Ravitch, "the hatchet man for the owners."

Brewers' vice president and general counsel and daughter of the Fehr said Ravitch is "shed-acting commissioner Bud Selig, ding crocodile tears" for those and the man who may be the

who have lost their jobs because of the 13-day-old strike while he owners in this dispute, Jerry continues to be paid his Reinsdorf, the Chicago White 5750,000-a-year salary. Fehr said he saw no evidence

Fehr, speaking before owners

to the table they will be offering salaries," Fehr said. "Dick's the assigned hatchet man to go and "We assume that at the first get it done." .

meeting we'll get the manage-ment chorus of 'Solidarity For-ever,' " Fehr said after meeting Ravitch shrugged off Fehr's comments. "The last time I found name calling to be mean-ingful was when I was in grade tors for about 20 minutes to set school," he said. "I don't think it helps the situation."

Fehr insisted owners are on a preset schedule, believing that players will crack and accept a salary cap.

"The owners decided a long time ago they are on a clock," Fehr said. "And when the clock gets to the day they want to settle — whether it's this week. this month, next month, next year or 1996 — then they'll talk seriously. Up until then we can't expect them to. Unfortunately, all we can do is wait."

Harrington denied Fehr's there could be progress, and announced their team, launched charge. He said a lengthy work John Harrington, the chief executive officer of the Boston vitch's credibility. "The owners ation of adding teams for the Red Sox, said when owners get want to drastically lower player 1998 season. (WP,AP) (WP,AP)

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Colombia Looks at Drugs-Soccer Link

BOGOTA (AFP) — The Colombian government is launching an investigation into possible links between the country's notorious drug cartel and professional soccer, Education Minister

Arturo Sarabia has amounced.

The investigation will also probe the murder of the World Cup player Andres Escobar, who was believed to have been gunned down by disgruntled gamblers after he scored against his own team in a 2-1 loss to the United States.

Suns' Lawsuit Goes to N.J. Court

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal judge has forwarded the Phoenix Suns' lawsuit against the National Basketball Association over the voiding of A.C. Green's contract to a New Jersey court to be heard by Judge Dickinson Debevoise before Sept. 12. The judge heard a similar case last year between the Portland Trail Blazers and Chris

For the Record

Hakeem Olajuwon, who led the Houston Rockets to their first NBA title and carned MVP honors, has been named an international spokesman for the league.

Juan Autonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, has assured amateur boxing officials that sport will still be on the program for at least the next two Olympic Games. Olympic boxing has come under threat on medical grounds and also because of criticism of its judging system. (AP)

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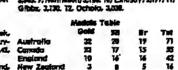
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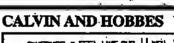


















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With Boli, Glasgow Seeks en Greater Glory in Europe

ONDON - The tears of Basile Boli have Ilowed as constant as a river through recent

European Champions Cups.

In the 1991 cup final, this big, bold, bad man from the Ivory Coast sank to his knees after his

team, Olympique Marseille, Rob Hughes A went out on a penalty shoot-out to Red Star

Belgrade. As a defender, his game had been without fault; as a competitor be was a loser without being defeated.

He wept openly, inconsolably.

Two years later — two minutes before halftime

Big Baz rose again. His powerfully headed goal was enough to sink A.C. Milan and to take the Champions Cup, at long last, to Marseille.

And Boli wept again, this time a joyful Why do I recall these springtime rites of soccer in August? Because, indecent though it seems, Europe's rulers have messed up their most prestigious tournament to the extent that Wednesday night is another final, out of season, for Boli. Like all salable stars, he was sold by Marseille when the French club's glory dissolved into conruption before the sheen had waned on the

trophy. Boli, his fighting spirit temporarily bro-ken, fetched \$5 million on the open market. The buyer, Glasgow Rangers, is Scotland's per rennial champion. Reaching out for Europe, the great Protestant giant of Glasgow spent in almost equal measure the millions necessary to have Boli and the peripatetic Dane, Brian Landrup.

The combative defender and the silky forward are investments to what Rangers crave most -a piece of the European glory and the Ecus that come with it. David Murray, the Rangers chairman, seeks recognition through success on the

Has he laid out a sufficient amount to buy it? Not if UEFA's tinkerers keep moving the goalposts, moving ever closer to a champions' league for the rich that destroys the knockout essence of

almost 40 European seasons. The rub for the Rangers is that the blueprint that turned this year's competition into a league structure guaranteeing games, and consequent television millions to the big cinbs virtually closes the door on outsiders. Milan, Barcelona, Manchester United, Benfica, Bayern Munich, Ajax Amsterdam, Anderlecht and Moscow Spartak are the eight teams which, by dint of previous success, go straight into the lucrative Champions

The rest have to fight for it. Glasgow Rangers can hardly complain. The team's own secretary, Campbell Ogilvie, helped draft the blueprint for this graduation to league riches. But, uh, oh, Rangers drew the short straw. Its intended low preliminary hurdle, a two-leg contest against AEK Athens; gave the Scots an

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Aug. 10 trip into an oven. The Rangers stepped

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into Nikos Goumas Stadium at the height of the

Dimitri Saravakos, small and lightweight but a cuming man at 33, then tormented the Scottish defense, scored twice and could easily have doubled his night's toll. As it stands, 2-0 to AEK, with the return in front of 44,000 Glaswegians to come on Wednesday, the cause is not hopeless.

"Losing to Athens was a disaster," insists Boli. To me, losing is always a disaster. I will he giving my all, fighting with everything I've got, to redcem it. I always do."

Fighting, Mr. Boli? He knows what is coming next, the insinuation that he is a tough nut. It has hounded him since the summer of 1992 when he crudely drew blood by head-butting the cheek bone of England's own hard-man, Stuart Pearce. Its all over, forgotten," he says irritably. Why must the Brits raise it now? O.K., Baz, let's chalk

that one down to history. He is big enough not to argue with, and he insists that the brief reign of Franz Beckenbauer as coach to Marseille taught him a more positive style, a counterattacking use of his brain and brawn that produced the winning header of 1993.

Gary Lineker, a player of diplomatic tones, commented that night: "Boli's a seriously tough player. And he uses choice English words, all of four letters to let you know his intent."

Ouch! Now, obviously the Rangers knew the kind of competitive gentleman it was purchasing when it wrote the check for Boli.

Saravakos dared pass, not once but twice. But the presence of Boli - and a presence he is, born the son of an Ivory Coast diplomat who moved to the embassy in Paris when Basile was 13 -has taken on far more than a physical dimension in

WHEN he was 16, Boli played for Auxerre on V condition that the club also sign his elder brother, Roger, Basile Boli had some epic skirmishes with Jean-Pierre Papin, the pngnacious Marseille striker, so much so that in time Marseille purchased him.

Better to play on Boli's side than against him. And he, sturdy in mind as well as body, saw off the racists who greeted his arrival in the southern port. Now he is in another tough port of bigotry. He is hlack, foreign, and THE catholic on Rangers' side. "Look, I know about Rangers and Celtic," he says. "Signing me shows that Rangers has evolved beyond religion."

The evolution, he reckons, is to husiness. That, he correctly asserts, is the name of the game now in sports. He is here for money, for ambition, for

Wednesday's business is winning. Three goals, or the Rangers kiss Europe hye-hye. Has any brave soul translated to Boh the term "Glasgow Kiss." (It means head-hutt.)

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Threes.



Scandinavia's Day at Cycling Races

Monica Valvik

CAPO D'ORLANDO. Sicily - Alex Pedersen of Denmark captured the amateur road race title Tuesday in a triumphant day for Scandinavian countries at the World Cycling Champion-

Pedersen's victory added to Monica Valvik's success in the earlier individual women's race, which gave Norway the first-ever world title in road events.

Pedersen, 27, took opponents by surprise by sprinting 200 meters from the finish line. He piled up a lead of a few meters and withstood the strong comeback of Milan Dvorscik of Slovakia, who won the silver medal, and Christophe Mengin of France, who took the bronze,

Pedersen, completed the 15 laps race, for a total distance of 185.1 kilometers (114 miles), in four hours, 24 min-

retirement. It happened to-day. I'm happy, Pedersen said. He said he gave up proutes, 38 seconds at an average speed of 44.764 kph. "I really wanted to win a fessional racing after suffer-ing heart problems, which world championship before

put his career at risk. "Now the problems are over, my heart is good. I planned to retire next year, but now that I'm the world champion I would continue for anothern season, But I plan to race mostly in Denmark," he said.

Valvik defeated Patsy Maegerman of Belgium and Jeanne Golay of the United States with ease, cruising across the finish line as her opponents struggled behind,

"I'm good in sprints but l did not expect this victory. I'm so lucky to wear this jer-sey today," said the 23-year-old Norwegian, who completed a distance of 86.39 kilometers m two hours, 8 minutes and 3 seconds, at an average speed of 40,475 kph. men Paul Head and Peter Vivian

VICTORIA, British Columbia — World champion Linford Christie was billed as the star of the Commonwealth Games and, after a leisurely first race. he lived up to expectations.
The 1992 Olympic gold medalist at 100 meters had the slow-

Christie Sizzles

est winning time of all the firstround heats Monday, then came back to tie his own Commonwealth Games record with a sizzling 10.02-second quarter-

The Englishman matched the record he set four years ago in Auckland, New Zealand, Christie. 34, also tied his best time this year that was not aided by wind and set the stage for a swift final two rounds Tuesday.

"I've still got work to do," was all he said as he left the track.

Frankie Fredericks of Namibia, the world champion at 200 meters, won his quarterfinal heat in 10.04, his fastest of the year, as the Games' track and field competition began in cool and damp weather.

Away from the track, Australian swimmers Kieren Perkins and Samantha Riley flirted with world records. Perkins collected his third gold medal of the Games in the 400-meter freestyle at 3:45.77. The world record of 3:45.00 was set by Evgeni Sadovyi of Russia at the 1992 Olympics. Perkins broke the Commonwealth Games' record by more than 4 seconds. Riley won her second gold, in the 100 breaststroke, in 1:08.02, just off the world mark of 1:07.91 set by Silke Hoerner of East Germany in 1987, Penelope Heyns of South Africa won

Commonwealth Games' records fell in all four individual swimming events. Petria Thomas led a 1-2-3 Australia finish in the women's 100-meter hutterfly in 1:00.21.

Sean Carlin of Australia, won the hammer with a throw of 241 feet, 1 inch (73.4 meters). English-

won the silver and bronze.

Canadian gymnast Stella Umeh, the all-around gold medalist Sunday, won a second gold in the vault and a silver in the uneven bars. Australian women won two gymnastics gold — Rebecca Stoyel in the uneven bars and Salli Wills in the balance beam.

Neil Thomas of England, the all-around men's gymnastics champion Sunday, won his second gold Monday in the floor exercise but settled for the bronze in the vault.

With its swimming domination, Australia widened its lead in the medals race. (See Scoreboard.)

Australia got three golds in men's gymnastics when Brennon Dowrick won the pommel horse, Peter Hogan the parallel bars and Bret Hudson the vault.

England got two other gymnastics golds when Lee McDermott won the rings and Annika Reeder won the floor exercise. Canada's Alan Nolet won the horizontal bars.

The 35,000-seat Centennial Stadium was mostly empty for the eight first-round 100-meter heats and other track competi-

World champion and record-holder Colin Jackson, running for Wales, won his 110-meter hurdle semifinal heat in an unexceptional 13.51. Englishman Tony Jarrett, runner-up to Jackson at last year's World Championships, won the other semifinal in 13.52.

Benetton-Renault Linkup

LONDON - Benetton has signed a three-year contract with Renault, the French engine manufacturer, whose V10 power units helped the Williams team claim two successive world championships in 1992 and 1993. Renault will now be supplying both of Formula One racing's top teams until the end

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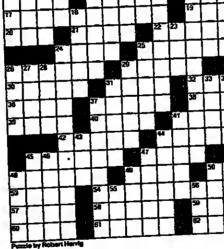
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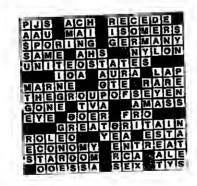
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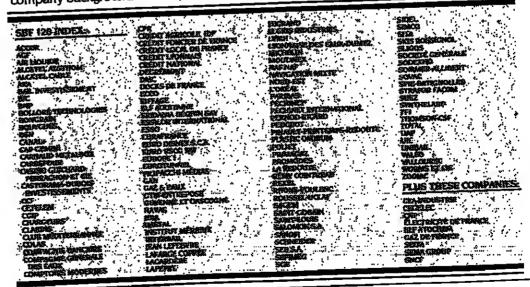
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OBSERVER

Saving the Language

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK —Age contin-ues to have her way with me. Nothing can be done about it, not even by Science, which I capitalize not to denote the name of a magazine but out of respect for one of the world's more civilized religions.

Just as insufferably wise men predicted years ago, age has driven me from smiling residence in a tolerant Christian liberalism to the sour and prickly solitude, the natural habitat of the reactionary mossback.

No longer am I cheered by free expression's brutal triumph over Emily Post, Amy Vanderbilt and what used to be called etiquette. Some say the world will end in fire and some in ice, but a terminal case of bad manners seems likelier.

So I favor a three-strikesand-you're-out law: life imprisconment for all caught more than twice trying to conceal the eleventh-rate quality of their minds by using the four-letter words that were once so deliciously shocking.

Those superb old Anglo-Sax-on words, once so effective in rare doses, have been beaten to death by lousy novelists, hushleague demagogues, hack screenwriters, entertainers with no talent and proponents of sundry "liberations" trying to show off their freedom from convention by using words that once drove mothers to wash out children's mouths with soap.

Mothers had good reason for doing so. Mothers knew that children spouting these words freely would allow familiarity to destroy their magic. The mouthwashing was a civilized

language-preservation act, My three-strikes-and-you'reout plan would be a start toward restoring life to these great words.

Putting these language assas-sins away for life is no more absurd than the current com-mon practice of filling precious prison cells with narcotics users. Tolerant Christian liberals will protest that free expression

of the utter emptiness of one's mind is a sacred right and that, even if it were oot, the punishment f propose would not fit

the crime This is balderdash, a word

my reactionary mossbackery now licenses me to use without feeling silly. People are tucked away for years for using narcotics and ostensibly sane people applaud the idea, don't they?

If the country is to be run on asinine ideas made law because our statesmen lack the courage to forgo pandering to their silliest colleagues, why draw the line against equally hrutal measures for the nobler goal of preserving our magnificent heri-tage, the English language?

With equal reactionary fervor I cheer for the Florida television station that curtailed the Reverend Jerry Falwell's

speech rights the other day.

The news report says a 9year-old boy came to his mother asking her what "oral sex" was. She asked where the child had heard about "oral sex." He said he had been listening to Falwell on TV. Complaint was

made to the TV station, which dropped Falwell's show. Falwell is of course a leader in the Republican Party's conservative legion, and my mossbackery is not so innocent that I am hlind to the possibility of Democratic Party deviltry behind this deed.

This doesn't alarm me as it would have before age showed me the delights of mossbackery. Tax-free parsons have been abusing the cloth for political reasons almost forever. It's one of those hypocrisies that consti-

tute the American way of life.

However, preachers promoting their political agenda by discussing oral sex before vast unseen audiences stretch my tolerance for the good old-time hypocrisy. It typifies the decadence that results when incivility becomes terminal. When preachers know no manners both fire and ice would be su-

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WEATHER

A New Breed of X-Men Rises to Save the Universe

By Douglas Martin New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In the beginning, there were five troubled teenagers — Cyclops, Angel, Beast, Iceman and Marvel Girl — all normal until they turned 13. Suddenly they could do superhuman things—fly, shoot energy from their eyes and much, much more.

Called the X-Men, they promptly went to

war against Magneto, the master of magnetism and a real had guy.

It was a rebellious style, only slightly masked

by the jackets and ties the X-Men then wore. An early issue has Iceman, whose frigid rays

An early issue has Iceman, whose frigid rays cool any situation, exclaiming: "Here's a quick-freezing icy sweatshirt for you, Stretch! This'll cramp your style real good!"

That was in 1963, thousands upon thousands of comic books ago. Today, the X-Men, whose powers come from genetic mutations and whose troupe always included formidable X-Women, number about 200 and are spread in enclaves around the world.

They have become an ensemble cast popular

They have become an ensemble cast popular with adolescents of all ages, a soap opera in which every story ends with the crying need for

And next month a new breed of X-Men, Generation X," younger and rougher-edged, will begin appearing in their own comie book, further seasoning the gurgling stew of plot

Let it be firmly pronounced that the X-Men are the original mutants, decades ahead of a certain group of sewer turdes. They grapple with the pain of being misunderstood outsiders, and yet they use their superpowers to rise above this prejudice, trying to save ungrateful humanity before it is too late.

This, arguably, is the perfect teenage fantasy. They are the world's best-selling group of comic books and America's most popular anicome books and America's most popular animated Saturday morning cartoon show. In schoolyards, X-Men trading cards are neck and neck with Power Rangers. X-Men action figures were the top-selling plastic dolls last year. Their video games are areade hits. Plans for an Orlando, Florida, theme park with X-Meninspired rides were announced recently.

And yes, the X-Men are soon to be a major motion picture. Sequels are being discussed even as 20th Century Fox chooses a script. Not to put too fine a point on it, but this is an example of the synergy for which entertain-

ment companies are scrambling.

The billionaire Ronald O. Perelman, who now owns 80 percent of the Marvel Entertainment Group, has pushed it very aggressively. He bought Fleer, a major bubble-gum card company, and half a toy company, and retrieved many of Marvel's licensing agreements, under which 1,500 items, from shoelaces to \$1,000 leather jackets are produced. \$1,000 leather jackets, are produced.

Perelman has made Marvel a much more







"Chamber," one of the new generation of X-Men, blowing away his own chest; trading cards of "Storm" (top right) and "Magneto."

aggressive company," said Lauren Rich Fine, first vice president of Merrill Lynch. "Their diversification is going to enable them to show

The 16 X-Man titles ("The Uncanny X-Men," "X-Force," "X-Factor," "Excalibur," "Wolverine," etc.) are the hig nebulae in Marvel's universe: 50 million comic books a year, at \$1.50 or more apiece.

In general, Marvel superheroes are a different breed from DC Comics powerhouses like Superman and Batman. They have weaknesses. They find truth, justice and the American way a

goody-two-shoes. And it's mind-blowing how they dominate their newsstand rivals. In July, the X-family accounted for more than 14 percent of the comic market, more than the combined total of the next four families: Spider-Man, Batman, Superman and Dark Horse, Overall statistics are scarce, but the industry is believed to approach \$1 billion in sales.

"The X-Men are the juggernant," said Mitch Cutler, owner of St. Mark's Comics, which has stores in Manhattan and Brooklyn. "They are

reason girls (perhaps a third of the television the big immense, non-stop, cash-generating, show's viewers) are drawn to the X-Men. Samantha Kleinfield, who is 7, loves Storm, who

unstoppable force."

Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the phenomenon is its longevity. The stories that began 30 years ago are the basis of ones still churned out, each one building and relating to the others in one of the most brilliant - or

cynical — marketing ploys ever. (Where will "The Lion King" be a year from now!)
So if they're so omnipotent, why haven't you heard of them?

To some extent, it depends on who you were at 13. It's teenage angst that separates the X-Men from the Robin the Boy Wonder fans. Lots of revenge-craving nerds can identify with alienation, and with joining a club of other societal rejects.

"As a teenager, I sometimes feel sort of help-less. Things are sort of spinning out of control," said Akil Kirlew, a 15-year-old in Manhattan. "The X-Men never let that happen to them." In some ways, it is their very ordinariness that is most attractive. Their powers come from a montant gene, not the planet Krypton.

This easy accessibility may be part of the

"They are superhumans who want to protect humans," said Lauren Shuler Donner, who is producing the movie. "Humans don't reciprocate in kind and that's the sad part."

The trail of monthly Armageddons all began in the mind of Stan Lee, from whose hrain also sprang Spider-Man, the Incredible Hulk, the Avengers and the Fantastic Four. His heroes have accorded to human foibles. have everyday human foibles.

power over the weather.

"My main interest has always been people," said Lee, who calls himself "70-ish" and now lives in Los Angeles supervising Marvel's movie and television ventures. When people look at Wolverine, he said, he wants them to think "If I had huge claws coming out of the back of my hands, that would be me."

leads her own X-Man team and has telekinetic

also in a death struggle with evil mutants to make the world safe for the ignorant mortals.

who often despise them in return.

Of course, in their spare time, the X-Men are

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N attorney for the woman who was sexually assaulted as a 13-year-old by Roman Polanski, the film director, in 1977 said his client would like to see the criminal case settled once and for all, including an arrangement under which Polanski could return to the United States without serving prison time. Late last year, the woman and Polanski reached an out-of-court settlement of a civil lawsuit she filed stemming from the encounter at the home of Jack Nicholson. Polanski fled the United States just before he was to be sentenced for having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. A movie by the late Orson Welles that

lay neglected in cellars and garages for many years has made its public debut four decades after he began work on it. "Don Quixote", inspired by Miguel Cervantes' 17th-century classic and shot at Welles's own expense over a period of at least 15 years, won an enthusiastic reception at the Edinburgh Film Festival.

Elvis Presley fans were treated to a lunch marking the 17th anniversary of two to the press about a police investigation



Roman Polanski: A conclusion?

concerts that never took place - the singer died six days before his scheduled Aug. 22, 1977, performances in Uniondale, New York. The lunch was attended by 150 people who still had their 1977 tickers and they were able to apply for a refund. The lunch featured one of his favorite foods: peanuthutter-and-fried-banana sandwiches.

Scotland Yard did not leak information

into nuisance calls Princess Diana allegedly made to a millionaire friend, according to the editor of the News of the World, the tabloid that broke the story. His statement came amid calls by both Tory and opposition Labor members of Parliament for an inquiry into how the police investigation into the calls allegedly made over a two-year period to Oliver House came to be leaked to the Sunday tabloid. The Times said Diana was considering violating another royal taboo by taking legal action.

The mother and brother of Brian Wilson, founder of the Beach Boys, sued Har-perCollins, the publisher of a 1991 autobiography, and Wilson's former therapist for more than \$15 million. The book describes Wilson's descent into drug use and dependency, while the libel suit says Audree Wilson is falsely portrayed as an alcoholic. unfit mother and emotional cripple. Carl Wilson is described as an alcoholic and

John Denver rammed his car into a tree near Aspen, cutting his head, and was charged with drunken driving.

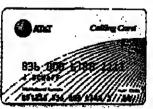
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